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VOW ON JOBS AS LEISURE CUTS BITE

by Lisa Wright

JOBS and sports centres in Sandwell will be protected, council bosses have vowed, despite the trust that runs the borough's leisure facilities facing cuts of almost £400,000 next year.

Sandwell Leisure Trust, which runs the borough's nine leisure centres and Brandhall Golf Course, is having its £4 million management fee, which is paid by Sandwell Council, reduced by 10 per cent in 2012/13. It is part of budget cuts that will see the cash-strapped authority make savings of £75 million by 2015.

The trust, which was established in 2004 to operate the council-owned facilities, covers its core costs, such as paying staff and heating and lighting, with the management fee from the council and the income from customers – around £8m in total.

It can then apply for additional grants which cover specific projects, but not the running of the centres.

Paul Slater, chief executive officer, said despite the cuts, no jobs would be at risk and there would be no cuts to leisure facilities.

He said: "Sandwell Leisure Trust is meeting the reductions in the management fee by a combination of growing income and efficiencies.

"We are continuing to invest in facilities and have just expanded the gym and created a new dance studio at Haden Hill Leisure Centre. We have also recently opened a new state of the art dance studio at Tipton Sports Academy."

Provision

Borough finance boss, Councillor Steve Eling, said he was pleased frontline services would not be affected.

He added: "There will be a 10 per cent reduction in line with the overall budget reductions across the council. The leisure trust is managing that reduction without any cuts to leisure facilities.

"The chief executive of the leisure trust confirmed to me personally that they will be absorbing the reductions without any impact on the provision of the leisure centres.

"That is very pleasing as we are looking to protect as far as possible the front line services that people use."

He added: "We are having to make every penny stretch that bit further and leisure centres are no different to everything else.

"In our commitment to protect the frontline service provision this is a clear example of where that is being achieved."

Rates are blamed for shops' struggle

THE Government has been blamed for West Bromwich's struggling shop scene by "crucifying traders" with high business rates after the town was named second on a national list of shame.

The Local Data Company put West Bromwich at number two in a list of the 10 most vacant high streets in medium-sized towns.

With 28.3 per cent of shops empty, the only similar-sized town worse off in England is Dudley, with 29 per cent of shops empty.

Labour councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell's cabinet member for jobs and economy, accused the Government of "crucifying traders with their business rates".

"The rates have gone up by more than 10 per cent in the space of 12 months. It's no wonder traders are struggling."

Sandwell Chamber of Commerce president Ninder Johal said: "With the recession, all high streets have been going through difficult times. In West Bromwich, the riots played a big role because people were reluctant to come into the area.

"There has been a lack of regeneration in the past but I firmly believe that, with the new college and Tesco development, things will start to improve," he added.

New twist on U-turns

THERE could be a new twist tomorrow in the plan to ban U-turns at a Wednesbury road junction.

A ban at the junction of Wood Green Road, Myvod Road and Woden Road East, near Ikea, was approved. But residents said they did not want it because they would have to make a detour to get to their homes. A report to Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell's safety boss, which recommends that the ban be scrapped, will be discussed tomorrow.

Head vows to improve her school

A HEADTEACHER in Smethwick has vowed to make improvements at her school following criticisms from Ofsted inspectors.

The Ofsted team said Abbey Infant School's leadership and management was weak. Pupils' achievement and behaviour, and the quality of teaching, were rated as satisfactory.

Levels of education provided were rated acceptable, but inspector David Shears has issued the school with a notice to improve.

He said teaching assistants were not used effectively, information from assessments was not used well enough, and that attendance levels were below average.

He added: "The recently appointed senior leadership team has made some improvements. They have made a positive start."

Headteacher Pauline Smart, who took charge of the Maurice Road school in September 2010, said: "We can and will do better. Our children deserve the best.

"Our recently appointed senior management team is in place and we are moving along the path of making the changes required.

"Ofsted said the changes were fragile but I think a fairer assessment would have been to say we have just begun our journey."

Daley gets on his marks

Daley Thompson with Lewis Whitehouse, of Shenstone Lodge Primary School, fellow pupils and the mayor Councillor Joyce Underhill and Gavin Patterson of BT

DECATHLETE Daley Thompson said the Olympics would be a "pick-up" for the whole country, when he joined school pupils to open BT's new regional business centre in West Bromwich.

The two-time Olympics gold medallist opened Number One Providence Place, off All Saints Way. It will eventually house 900 workers as part of the council's partnership with BT. He unveiled the first building to be completed as part of the £75 million office development, and launched a competition for pupils to win tickets to the London 2012 Paralympics.

The father of five, who will be covering the games for an Australian TV channel, said: "The Olympics are going to be even bigger than the Royal Wedding."

Estate's new store to create 20 posts

BOSSES of a new supermarket in Rowley Regis will start recruiting soon to fill up to 20 new jobs.

Willenhall-based AF Blakemore & Son will open the Spar store at the Brickhouse Estate within weeks.

The company is expected to take over the lease for the building, on land off Harvest Road, towards the end of the month.

Work will also get under way in March on the creation of 51 homes.

A company spokeswoman said: "There are going to be between 16 and 20 part-time positions."

The store and the houses will be built on and around the site of a former shopping precinct on the estate which was torn down in 2005.

Former Sandwell Council leader, Councillor Bill Thomas, once said the precinct was "a bit like Beirut".

The new homes, which will have two-to-four bedrooms, will be put up for private sale.

Brickhouse Regis Residents' Association member Susan Eaves said locals would be pleased when the development got under way.

She said the opening of a supermarket would be particularly welcome as shopping provisions on the estate were poor.

"It is what everybody is waiting for," she said.

Women are told to apply

WOMEN are being encouraged to apply for four apprenticeship vacancies at Network Rail depots in Sandwell and Saltley.

The successful applicants' work will include the maintenance of signal supply points, air conditioning equipment, cable work and wiring.

Bosses fear women are missing out on engineering careers, and want them to apply by going to www.facebook.com/ontrack

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Restaurant scheme at former factory

A RESTAURANT for 150 people is set to open at the site of a former engineering firm in West Bromwich.

The proposal is to create the restaurant on the first floor of the former Interserve Engineering Limited site in Roebuck Lane.

There is already planning permission in place for a conference and banqueting suite to be created in another part of the site, which would be able to accommodate 650 people.

An application has been submitted to the authority by Birmingham-based Architekt Partnership.

It states that the restaurant would be open between 8.30am and 10pm Mondays to Fridays and between 10am and 11pm on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays.

The report adds: "This will also provide a benefit for the existing residents in the surrounding residential areas by bringing the site back into a more active use and improve its appearance."

The conferencing scheme was refused by planning chiefs in 2009 on the grounds of inadequate parking, increase in noise and fear of anti-social behaviour by residents.

And before that, a previous application for a facility which would cater for up to 1,300 people was thrown out in 2007, on the grounds that it would cause a detriment to nearby residents. However, the most recent application was approved on appeal by the Government Planning Inspectorate last year.

Bosses were granted permission to overhaul the industrial building with a new roof, external wall cladding, new entrances, a foyer and doors with large blocks of tinted glass.

Permission was also granted for a 135-space car park.

Dozens of new jobs are coming to the borough

DOZENS of jobs are to be created in Sandwell as an accident repair firm relocates and a new fleet of Midland Metro trams will be built in the borough.

Kidderminster-based accident repair firm Solus is relocating to Wednesbury. The move is also an expansion, which will create almost 40 new jobs. Ten jobs will also be created by Spanish manufacturer CAF, building trams for the Metro system. New jobs will be provided at the Metro depot in Potters Lane, Wednesbury, during 2014 and 2015.

A further 50 jobs in Coventry will be protected by a £40 million deal to provide up to 25 trams for the line between Wolverhampton St George's and Birmingham Snow Hill by the end of 2014.

Solus will move from its current base in Whitehouse Road, Kidderminster, to larger premises in Wednesbury.

Solus, which has 18 sites around the country, hopes to open the new centre at Trident Drive in March. General manager Steve Hall said the company had outgrown its current base.

A recruitment drive has been launched for 23 technicians and 16 front-line staff. Jobs are available for panel beaters, body fitters and customer service staff. Solus, which has its headquarters near Wembley, was founded in 1997 and is part of the Aviva insurance group.

Abroad

Spanish firm CAF beat nine others for the trams deal. Centro spokesman Mark Langford said: "None of the 10 firms who were interested in supplying the trams were British, and none of the bids involved manufacturing the trams in the UK. They would have been built abroad, regardless of who we appointed. Centro expects to see ten more CAF jobs set up at our Wednesbury tram depot during 2014/15."

Youngsters are better behaved since action

ANTI-SOCIAL behaviour is easing in a Blackheath street after it was highlighted as a priority by the local neighbourhood policing team.

Bell Vue Road was flagged up as a problem area after complaints from residents that youths were causing a nuisance and upsetting the residents in the street.

Following complaints the neighbourhood team placed a Domehawk camera in the street which identified those causing trouble.

Some of those have since received stage one anti-social behaviour letters while some have entered into acceptable behaviour contracts with the police and Sandwell Council.

An update on the West Midlands Police website states: "Since the anti-social behaviour letters and acceptable behaviour contracts have been instigated in this area, the feedback from residents is very good.

"The youth team provides a bus on Thursday nights which carries computers and other things the youths can use, and the youth leaders have been impressed by how many youths attend the bus."

Cakes to fund sky diving bid

Help for Heroes local co-ordinator Ken Cook is pictured with Daniel Smith and Thomas Taylor, who were raising money for Help for Heroes by selling cakes at B&Q

DAREDEVIL fundraisers preparing for a skydive in aid of injured soldiers boosted their charity efforts by hosting a cake sale.

Daniel Smith and Tom Taylor, who work at B&Q in Wednesbury, will leap 15,000ft from a plane during the charity jump in Lincolnshire on March 30. They are hoping to raise £1,000 for Help for Heroes.

To help raise money towards their efforts, the pair held a cake sale at the store in Axletree Way.

Colleagues helped the fundraising efforts by bringing in cakes, while B&Q has also pledged to support the pair. Through the cake sale they raised £317.

To sponsor them, visit www.bmycharity.com/dantomjump

Cafe is offering meals on wheels

A CAFE in West Bromwich has developed a new service offering meals on wheels to the elderly and those who need support and assistance in their homes.

Woody's Cafe on the Izons Industrial Estate, on Oldbury Road, has started offering hot meals on wheels for under £4 and desserts for £2.

The cafe, run by Trevor and Kerry Wood, has the backing of Sandwell Council.

Mrs Wood, a 21-year-old mother-of-two, said the idea sprang from a previous job helping the elderly in Bordesley Green.

Pie

The cafe is based in West Bromwich but Mrs Wood said there were no limits set for deliveries inside the borough so far.

Meals include traditional English recipes such as cottage pie and fish and chips, Black Country favourites, roast dinners and curries.

Night out at the library

A HISTORY group made up of members of libraries in Tipton will be holding an evening of Black Country fun later this month.

The charity Black Country Night Out takes place at Brook Street Community Centre on Friday. Proceeds will go to Help for Heroes.

The night will include music, comedy, poetry and a local history quiz compered by poet and storyteller Brendan Hawthorne.

Tickets are £8 including a hot supper. Doors open at 7pm. Call 07958684716 for further details.

Camera calming

A DOMEHAWK camera installed in Tipton has led to a drop in violence and anti-social behaviour. Tipton Green Sergeant Amjad Rasul said the CCTV around Stella Road had seen the number of calls drop.

Rambling in Kinver

WALKERS are invited to a nine-mile trek around Kinver on Sunday with Sandwell Ramblers. Meet at 9am at West Bromwich Labour Club, Sandwell Road. Contact (0121) 588 5068 for details.

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Action on stab pub defended

POLICE have defended their decision to negotiate for the voluntary closure of a West Bromwich pub where two people were stabbed, rather than take court action.

Surgery was needed for one of the victims at The Railway Inn, while the other man escaped with non-life threatening wounds at around 2am on January 22.

The first time police knew about the crime was when staff at Sandwell A&E rang officers after the two injured people turned up there.

Under licensing laws, after a serious incident police are able to take bosses of a venue to magistrates' court to force closure of the premises. An interim review of a venue's licence can also be called immediately.

But police decided to hold talks with the pub's owners Enterprise Inns PLC and landlord Mark Tullock to agree the venue be voluntarily closed. The talks failed and police secured temporary suspension which will last until February 28.

Chief Inspector Bal Sidhu said: "The police officers were investigating a serious stabbing. There was no need there and then to formally close the premises as it was closed regardless."

Police need new tenants

TENANTS are still being sought for a former West Bromwich police station,

The former Stone Cross police station, on the corner of Hollyhedge Road and Newton Road, has been available to tenants since September. It was fully operational around 40 years ago.

The police authority has ended its lease following a review of its buildings.

A spokeswoman said the move would save £49,000 in rent. Use of police property is under constant review as the force battles £126 million of cuts.

Stress-buster

A NEW stress-busting weekly yoga class has been launched at Haden Hill Leisure Centre in Cradley Heath.

Bodybalance is running every week at the Barrs Lane building from 11amnoon. The hour-long sessions cost £3.90. Call 0845 659 4815 option 0.

Readers rush to sign up for new E&S app

Reader Jamie Skelding is well 'appy

HUNDREDS of iPhone and iPad users have rushed to download the Express & Star's new digital newspaper app.

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Warehouse worker Jamie Skelding, aged 31, has subscribed to get all the latest news via the app on his iPhone.

The father of two, of Rosehill, Willenhall, said: "I've been reading the Express & Star for as long as I can remember so it is great to get it with the app.

"I would fully recommend it. I'd give it 10 out of 10. It is like having the paper in your hand, so I wouldn't be without it now.

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Mr Skelding, who works at AF Blakemore and Sons, in Willenhall, has signed up for a monthly subscription.

"I love to read all the sport so it is ideal to keep up with the Wolves latest," he said.

Van driver Paul Powers, 54, of Marl Road, Netherton, subscribed to the app via the iPad he was given for Christmas.

"It is very good value and I have been very impressed. You can go on holiday and still get to read the paper via your iPad.

"I emailed an article to my brother which I knew he would like."

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Judas Priest guitarist KK tunes up for golf venture

FORMER rock star KK Downing is planning a new career – running a hotel, spa and leisure facility from his home in the Midlands.

The former guitarist with the band Judas Priest who was born in West Bromwich, wans to create the venture at his home, Astbury Hall, in Bridgnorth.

He is also welcoming some of the country's and the world's top golfers to play three big tournaments on the course in his 320-acre back garden, which he helped design.

Despite retiring from Judas Priest before their final world tour last year, the former lead guitarist and founding member has kept a few interests in the music industry.

He is helping Black Country band Hostile, gain more recognition after producing their first album, Eve of Destruction. Alex Hill – son of Judas Priest bass player, Ian Hill – plays bass for the Wednesbury band.

And KK has also been contacted by a record company in California to play alongside Ray Davies, of The Kinks fame, for a tribute album for The Who.

Tribute

Having turned 60, KK is now more focused than ever on his latest venture and after ploughing most of his personal fortune into developing his stately home he is now eager to see the fruits of his work.

"The golf course opened in April so we're nine-and-a-half months into it," he said.

"It has been fantastic, we've been really busy. We kicked off requiring 150 members – more than any other course in the country – and it's what we're aiming to do next year."

The golf course has been developed over the past year, along with the restaurant and bar.

Plans are in the pipeline to develop a 63 bedroom hotel, with adjoining spa and leisure facilities, following talks with a number of big corporations.

"We're looking for a good chef so we can start putting on an a la carte menu during the evenings, as well as hosting dinner dances and more live entertainment.

"The entertainment we're very optimistic about – everyone enjoys going out and enjoying music. It's a great facility, not just the sporting aspect. We've got permission to use marquees outside now."

Astbury Golf Course is set to host three big events on the professional circuit this year and KK is also looking to add an extra nine holes taking the total to 27.

He said: "We're also looking to form associations with The Belfry, Forest of Arden and Stapleford Park.

"It's pretty exciting to rub shoulders with courses like that."

On the music front KK is looking to get Hostile on a good tour of the UK.

"They're someone to look out for," he said. "The fact they are from the Midlands, which has always been known as the place where the metal scene started, is good – it's nice to see other bands doing well."

He added: "To be honest I've been very busy here and I'm enjoying what I do.

"There's nothing better than seeing PGA golfers playing this course, which I've helped to design and be complimented on it – there's no bigger thrill at the moment.

"The aim in a couple of years is to host the English Open. You never know what's going to happen in future – it's just about doing something different in your life. I wanted to show I could do other things.

"This is much more of a challenge because with Judas Priest in the end we had a catchment where they'd worship us as soon as we walked on stage.

"It was definitely worth starting a new challenge."

KK with the guitar-themed tables in the bar area at Astbury Hall

KK Downing in the newly-refurbished bar

KK at the scenic Astbury Hall golf course

NEWS in brief

Welcome given to homes move

GOVERNMENT funding to help Sandwell Council build more affordable homes has been welcomed by the leader of the borough's opposition group.

Conservative Councillor Ray Nock has hailed the announcement of the New Homes Bonus, which amounts to £1.7 million in Sandwell this year.

The scheme gives extra rewards for building affordable homes, and for getting long-term empty homes back into use.

Legion in £1,000 boost for church

THE Aldridge branch of the British Legion is supporting a Great Barr church targeted by metal thieves.

The branch donated £1,000 to St Margaret's church in Chapel Lane for two granite memorial plaques to replace cast iron ones that were stolen last year.

Aldridge Royal British Legion branch president David Partridge said: "One of the main objects of the British Legion is to see that memorials to the dead are looked after."

Tickets available for boxing night

ONLY a few tickets remain for an amateur boxing show in Smethwick.

Almost 200 tickets have been snapped up to see Windmill ABC take on a Midlands team at the Windmill Super Youth Centre, Messenger Road tomorrow (Friday). Len Woodhall, who coached son Richie to a WBC world super middleweight title, will among the guests.

Health experts probing injury

INVESTIGATIONS have been continuing at a Wednesbury factory where a man was airlifted to hospital after his hand was trapped in machinery.

The Health and Safety Executive confirmed it was proceeding with an inquiry after a man was injured at Top Tubes in Smith Road.

Third age invite

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

SOME viewers complained about actors "mumbling" their lines in Birdsong (BBC1). This raises a fascinating point about diction on telly. How come no-one ever mumbles in the ads?

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BUS drivers in Brighton and Hove have been ordered not to call female passengers "babe". They have also been warned that terms such as "love" or "darling" might cause offence.

This follows an isolated complaint from one lady/woman/female (delete if inappropriate) passenger who said the word "babe" was demeaning. Following this, a reader has been on the phone bending my ear about his status as an oppressed minority group (he is working class) and threatening terrible consequences if any bus driver dares to call him "sir". "I am not a sir," he rages. "I have never been knighted, nor expect to be knighted."

Dilemma. Like so many etiquette problems of our time, the issue of how to address each other is neither ageist nor sexist. It is classist.

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DOWNTON Abbey has become an unexpected hit on the US public-service channel PBS.

Bless 'em. The Yanks probably think it's a documentary. Mind you, that Great British national treasure, historian Simon Schama, is trying to put them straight. He has described Downton as "a steaming, silvered tureen of snobbery".

Oh, come on, Schama. Get off the fence.

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AN AMERICAN pundit tried to explain the Downton appeal to Americans thus: "The class system is something completely alien to us."

Of course it is, dear boy. You had slavery instead.

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FROM Kidderminster comes news of romantic pensioner Geoff Wheale who is in despair after the Bird of Paradise plant he gave his wife, Stella, on their 10th wedding anniversary has flowered just once in 21 years.

I sympathise, having nurtured for many years a yucca plant which steadfastly refused to flower. We returned from a week in Devon to find the ground covered in glorious blossom, just as the last petal tumbled from the wretched plant.

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MORE readers' choices for their own funeral music. "The best funeral song," declares one, "is Going Underground by The Jam." Another writes: "As a Christian, I think it most apt to have Return to Sender."

"Bearing in mind the number of deadly sins I have committed," admits a third, "I think I would like my funeral music to be The Road to Hell by Chris Rea." But the strangest, and vaguely disturbing, offering comes from the reader who wants: "Rimsky-Korsakov's Flight of the Bumblebee, played by a 25-year-old female cellist wearing pea-green Lycra." Look, pal, this is a serious column, not Jim'll Fix It.

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MORE good things about growing old: You don't have to worry about new shoes wearing out.

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OUR changing language. The Met Office expect a "snow event". Or, as we used to call it, snow.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Concern that complaints not acted upon

THE highways department of Sandwell Council has come under fire from a Blackheath councillor for not handling residents' complaints effectively.

Councillor Mary Docker is calling for action to be taken.

She said she was initially told two of three issues she was tackling – overgrown foliage causing difficulties for wheelchairs and sunken "blind" stones on Horner Way and Long Lane – were being investigated.

On chasing up her third query – road markings worn away near St Paul's Court – Councillor Docker said there was no record of her complaint at all, despite officers' earlier claims it was under investigation.

She said: "They had no record or log of the job in question and I was told that I would have to resubmit the work to be done.

"A site inspection should take about two weeks to be carried out and then there would be a further delay of eight-10 weeks before the work was completed.

Unresolved

"Furthermore, an enquiry I raised back in October, which related to Sandwell Homes Repairs, had also been lost.

Alarmingly, as I do further checks on my work, other matters are coming to light as unresolved.

"I am concerned that existing registered planned works appear to have disappeared without trace."

Council officials were unavailable for comment.

Council reject petition over tethered horses

HORSE owners have lost their bid to keep their animals tethered on council-owned land in a Sandwell town, despite gathering a petition of more than 100 signatures in support of the moves.

Owners lodged the petition with Sandwell Council late last year in support of keeping horses tethered within the Tipton area and against the removal of horses by the bailiffs. The council has been cracking down on the problem of stray horses roaming in the borough. The moves have been met with opposition from some residents who want to keep the tradition of tethered horses.

But Councillor Derek Rowley, neighbourhoods boss at Sandwell Council, said the authority had no available land in the town to accommodate the animals. He has vowed the crackdown will continue. The authority is spending thousands of pounds employing bailiffs to seize roaming and tethered horses.

They are paying Rossendales more than £45,000, plus enforcement costs, to seize horses.

Marches

Bailiffs have been employed to seize the stray animals but horse lovers have threatened legal action. They have taken to the streets in a series of marches, disrupting traffic with their caravans and horse-drawn carts.

Sandwell Council has stood by the policy, saying the horses pose a threat to safety. And after considering the petition Councillor Rowley said owners will have to find appropriate space to keep their horses or they still risk being seized.

He said: "The only available land we have is in Sandwell Valley and they are more than welcome to put their names down for that."

Objections to red route are set to be refused

SANDWELL'S safety boss has been recommended not to take action in response to a petition demanding changes to part of a red route in Tipton.

Families in Park Lane West contacted Sandwell Council requesting that traffic regulations which ban vehicles stopping Monday to Friday between 7am-10am and 4pm-7pm be removed. They claim they were not consulted properly and say the red route is creating parking problems for residents and visitors outside their homes.

Tomorrow (Friday) safety boss Councillor Derek Rowley will receive a report recommending that he take no action.

The part affected is the 1,500ft stretch from the island at Owen Street to the bridge at Mayfair Gardens. It became active last July and has already faced criticism after the council created parking bays with white lines half on the road and half on the pavement, despite no dropped kerbs.

A report to Councillor Rowley says: "The current scheme provides a balance between the requirements and expectations of all road users."

Charity shops need clothes

Holding the appeal poster is manager Joanne Noake, from Stourbridge, with some of the volunteers at the Sue Ryder charity shop in West Bromwich

CHARITY donations are drying up across the Black Country with many cash-strapped residents choosing to sell their clothes instead.

A surge in the number of 'cash for clothes' shops and websites, offering people money for donated goods, has been reported across the region, attracting people who may previously have donated their cast-offs to charity shops for free.

The Sue Ryder Care store in Queens Square, West Bromwich, has started taking stock from its Oldbury sister store, to ensure its rails are not too depleted.

Manager Joanne Noake, a mother of one, said quality has also dipped, as many people now only throw away clothes once they are threadbare.

"Donations are drying up and the clothes we are getting are worn to death," she said. "Those places offering cash for clothes have hit us too."

Andy Lyons, supervisor of the St Giles Walsall Hospice charity shop in Union Street, Willenhall, added: "It was really busy over Christmas but now it's slowing down. We just need a little help."

Business payouts for riot recovery

AROUND 900 businesses in Birmingham have benefited from a financial scheme following the August riots.

A package of support worth £1.2million was put together including a recovery fund, security improvement scheme, business rates hardship fund and business advisor support, under the umbrella of the Government's high street support scheme.

The council will be claiming back the £1.2million from central government.

It was supported by the Backing Birmingham campaign designed to restore public confidence in the city centre and local high streets.

The city's regeneration boss, Councillor Timothy Huxtable, explained: "We listened closely to the concerns of businesses in the wake of the disorder and decided to add the security improvement scheme and business advisor programme to what was already being offered."

Insurance

From the package, 23 business were supported by recovery fund grant assistance to damaged small and medium businesses to help them recover costs not covered by insurance, while £89,849 was paid out in grants to small and medium enterprises and £101,083 to four business improvement districts.

More than 200 also received £448,976 towards security measures.

Starry night in the woods

A STARGAZING night is to be held at Warley Woods Community Trust on Sunday at Lightwoods Hill pavilion, Smethwick.

Visitors are invited to come between 6pm and 9pm. Hot drinks will be available and there will be a slide show indoors if the weather is cloudy.

The event is £3 for adults and children go free.

Back to the 60s

THE musical Hairspray will bring a groovy 1960s atmosphere at a school in Tipton this week.

The show by RSA Academy in Bilston Road will be staged from to Friday.

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Pupils to put skills on trial

SCHOOLS in the Black Country are to compete in a series of mock trials at Sandwell Magistrates' Court.

It is a national competition, with a number or regional heats being held across the country.

The local heat will welcome pupils aged 12 to 14 from Sandwell, Dudley and Gloucester to Sandwell Magistrates' Court to compete.

This year's case deals with receiving stolen goods, and the teams will compete against other schools in the setting of a real court room. They will take on the roles of both prosecution and defence.

Their performance will be judged by real magistrates and legal professionals from the Black Country.

Local organiser Andrew King said: "The competition develops pupils' confidence, public speaking, analysis and team work skills as well as increasing their awareness of the law and its relevance to them.

Teachers have noted that pupils gain a greater insight in to law and order by taking part in the competition."

The mock trials, organised by the Citizenship Foundation will take place on March 3.

Service waits for verdict

THE result of an Ofsted inspection into the under-fire children's service department of Sandwell Council is expected within weeks.

The department received damning inspections in 2009 and 2010 and have been assessed again.

Council chief executive Jan Britton said: "We don't have long to wait for the outcome – we should get Ofsted's inspection letter within a week or two, although it may well be confidential for a while – that depends on Ofsted and it's the same for all councils."

Firm goes solar

A STEEL company in West Bromwich has been given permission to install solar panels on the roof of one of its factory buildings.

William King Ltd in Union Road applied to have the panels installed in December. Planners at Sandwell Council have given the company approval for the panels.

Good times on the way back at rescued firm

ORDER books for an historic Oldbury company are filling up after it was rescued by a team of Black Country entrepreneurs.

The four men behind Dark Industrial Holdings bought pressworking company BC Barton out of administration for an undisclosed sum, saving the jobs of 29 workers.

One of the four, Mike Dell – president of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce – is now in charge at the Hainge Road factory as manufacturing gets back up to speed after eight weeks in limbo.

The company, now operating as BC Barton Ltd following its rescue, can trace its roots back to 1898. Among its presswork and fabrications it makes the steps and protective metalwork for the tops of telegraph polls, which Mr Dell said involved "making millions of parts for BT every year".

As well as telecoms work the company has customers overseas, including the United Arab Emirates.

"BC Barton also does work on mowers and agricultural machinery, assemblies and components for the construction industry such as formwork for shaping poured concrete," said Mr Dell. "That suffered because the construction industry has been suffering, but we are seeing work starting to come back.

"Now the company is back on a firm footing, we are seeing a lot of the old customers coming back with new orders.

"We see BCB as a unique business with a long-standing tradition and reputation, which will complement our other companies. It has a number of exciting opportunities alongside its core products and we are looking forward to returning the business to its past glory."

Dark also owns Ramsay Rubber and Dark Sheet Metals in Bilston, which, along with BC Barton, now employ a total of around 120 people.

After it went into administration in November, the company was run by administrators from Baker Tilley including Guy Mander, who said: "We are delighted to have concluded the sale. The outcome should be excellent news for the community.

"BC Barton has had a reputation for delivering quality service to its customers for over a century and this was reflected by the level of interest shown in the business. The sale provides the buyer with a platform to progress some of the projects the company had been looking at prior to its failure."

The firm was established in 1898 by Benjamin Charles Barton and his son Percival.

Ambulance stations go on the market for £755,000

AMBULANCE stations in Oldbury, Cradley Heath and Halesowen are among five in the region that have been put on the market for a total of £755,000.

The others are in Wombourne and Stourbridge. To replace them, two huge maintenance hubs will operate 24 hours a day in Willenhall and Dudley, serving 27 community stations across the region where paramedics respond to 999 calls. This will replace the current system of 13 traditional ambulance stations.

Oldbury ambulance station in Low Town has a price tag of £115,000 and will be swapped with a new community base on Granada Trading Estate. Old Hawne Lane, where Halesowen ambulance station is, will be replaced in the town's fire station and the building is now on sale for £115,000.

Respond

Cradley Heath's Lawrence Lane station is for sale for £100,000 and a new station at Cradley Enterprise Centre will take its place.

The two hubs are being built in Dudley, on the site of the current ambulance station in Burton Road, and Willenhall, in Ashmore Lake Road.

Paramedics will collect their ambulances from the hubs then head out to their community stations, where they will respond to emergency calls.

The aim is to cut down on ambulance crew "downtime".

Bosses say the current level of cover in the Black Country will be maintained, but the service provided will increase overall with the introduction of five community paramedics in Stourbridge, Halesowen, Oldbury and Wombourne.

Burglar, 22, is sent to prison for 20 months

A MAN who stole hundreds of pounds of electrical goods from a house has been jailed for 20 months.

Damien Cash, aged 22, of Tipton, forced the patio door of a house in Channon Drive, Brierley Hill, and stole a security camera, two TVs, a vacuum cleaner and electrical goods.

Sati Ruck prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court that Cash left a bloodstain and was tracked down through DNA testing.

She said Cash also burgled two houses in Harvest Road, Rowley Regis with a 17-year-old. The pair took jewellery, electrical items and clothing from one property. They stole a handbag from the other, and drove away in the owner's Renault Megane.

Cash, of Salter Road, admitted three burglariesy charges, attempted burglary and taking a car. The teenager admitted two burglaries, and taking a car without consent, and asked for six other offences to be taken into consideration.

He was given an eight month detention and training order.

Generous staff cheer young patients

Freya Latham with Chris Cogan and Darron Jones of Sainsbury's, and hospital play specialist John Morris

YOUNGSTERS at Sandwell Hospital's children's ward have been given a boost with a major a donation of toys.

Employees from the Sainsbury's Distribution Centre in Hams Hall placed large collection bins in their staff room as part of a toy drive for the hospital.

A van full of toys, including a children's snooker table, arrived at the West Bromwich hospital's Lyndon 1 ward just in time for Christmas. On Monday a second donation was delivered and seven-year-old patient Freya Latham was among children making the most of their new playthings.

Nursery nurse Wendy Moore, said: "The generosity was amazing and we didn't expect to get so many toys."

Staff at Lyndon 1 welcome toys from members of the public who would like to donate. They should be wipe-clean but soft toys cannot be accepted for hygiene reasons.

NEWS in brief

Foundry hosting Titanic exhibition

AN exhibition on the Titanic disaster is being held at a Smethwick industrial foundry.

The exhibition is at the Avery historical museum, Soho Foundry, Foundry Lane, until April 29. Visitors will be able to imagine what it was like to be a passenger, trace the ship's history and listen to audio recordings of survivors.

The foundry firm's former managing director, William Hipkins, 54, died in the tragedy in 1912.

Organisers for town hall sought

A CITIZENS' group is being formed to organise events at Wednesbury Town Hall, as councillors try to bring the building back into use.

Sandwell Councillor Olwen Jones said members of the community were being sought to book events and acts.

Jazz and swing band members and singers in a gospel choir have expressed an interest in performing. Councillor Jones hopes to restore the "bygone days" of the Holyhead Road venue.

Club wants help to make a splash

A 134-year-old water polo club in Sandwell has launched an appeal for new members.

Wednesbury Water Polo Club was formed in 1878 and practises at Wednesbury Leisure Centre in High Bullen each Monday.

The pool is closed for repairs, but the club is seeking new members for the summer season from May. Details from Ian Jones on 0121 531 6919.

Pub's plans to grow approved

A PUB in West Bromwich has won permission to build an extension to enlarge its kitchen and seating area.

The Vine Inn, Roebuck Street, wants to add 80ft to its 410ft premises. The changes will not have any impact on its workforce.

Planning officers granted permission. There were no objections.

Club's revamp

CLUB 99 in Tat Bank Road, Oldbury, will be revamped if plans submitted to Sandwell Council are approved. Bill Tiwana has applied to build an extension there.

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Library staff take steps to raise £3k for charity

KIND-HEARTED staff and customers at Sandwell libraries have raised £3,400 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

They chose Macmillan as their charity of the year 2011 and staff across each of the 19 libraries took part in a variety of fundraising initiatives, including an innovative sponsored step challenge.

Library visitors were challenged to guess the numbers of steps a library staff member does in a day. The total number of steps walked by library staff on 24 October was an amazing 162,360, averaging 8,000 steps a day to assist customers.

Other events included taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning event, when local marathon hero Blind Dave Heeley officially launched the fundraising campaign. Library staff have also held hamper raffles.

Money raised from their fundraising will be used to help local people who are affected by cancer.

Emotional

Macmillan Cancer Support aims to provide practical, financial, emotional and medical help to people across Sandwell.

Eloise Davidson, fundraising manager for the charity, visited the library to collect the cheque and said: "We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone at Sandwell libraries for their generous donation. We couldn't continue our vital work without the support of people like them and this money will go a long way to help people who are often facing the biggest fight of their lives."

The presentation was attended by the Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Joyce Underhill who said: "What a fantastic amount of money raised. I am also amazed by the number of steps each librarian does on a daily basis and what a great way to raise money."

Lisa Bunn, community library manager, said: "We had an initial target of raising £2,000, so to raise over £3,000 is brilliant and is an illustration of the dedication and generosity of both staff and library customers to this worthwhile cause."

Celebrating are Lisa Bunn, Robert Hazel, and Mayor Joyce Underhill, back, from left, with Eloise Davidson, and Tracy Wheatley at front

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Town's police station is reduced to rubble

A pile of rubble is all that remains of West Bromwich Police Station with The Public arts cente in the background

A PILE of rubble is all that remains of West Bromwich's former police station which has been bulldozed to pave the way for the next step in the £200 million regeneration of the town.

The building in New Street has been flattened to make way for the new Tesco development. Demolition started late last year.

Tesco is behind plans for the major shopping centre and leisure complex, one of the largest regeneration projects taking place across the UK at the moment.

Top retailers, including Next, Primark, JD Sports, Bank, and Outfit have already put pen to paper to say they will be part of the development. Odeon will operate an eight-screen cinema.

Vinci Construction, which won a £35m contract for the first stage of the project for a centre anchored by a 144,000 sq ft Tesco Extra, arrived on site in November.

Recycled

The last brick was removed from the 40-year-old building this week and the rubble will now be crushed and recycled in the new scheme.

Sean Delaney, senior project manager at Vinci Construction, said: "Rubble will be reused in the foundations of the new Tesco store and New Square centre.

"We are now in the process of crushing the building materials and clearing the site ready to begin laying the footings of the scheme in the next few weeks."

Sandwell's economy boss, Councillor Ian Jones said: "The police station's demolition is the dividing line between one side of the development and the other and now that has gone it will be all systems go.

"Soon we should start to see some structures going up."

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Fresh inspector for town's force

A NEW inspector moves in to head police in West Bromwich this week, after four senior officers in Sandwell retired or changed roles in recent weeks.

Inspector Akeel Najib will start in the town after three years working across the borough. It comes after an entire tier of management at Sandwell Local Policing Unit moved to new roles.

Gill Munslow, former Inspector for West Bromwich, and Bal Mand, former Inspector for Smethwick, have moved to new roles within the force.

Former Tipton and Wednesbury Inspector Dave Godwin has retired and Ian Massey, the inspector for Oldbury and Rowley Regis, is meanwhile seconded to a back office team.

New lights deal

A £1.8 MILLION contract to carry out a scheme to replace thousands of street lights in Sandwell has been awarded.

SSE Contracting Ltd will now carry out the street light improvements works and instal a new central management system.

Sandwell Council is replacing the existing bulbs in around 2,500 lamp posts with LED lights to save money in the long term.

£100,000 boost

GREAT Bridge has been awarded a £101,730 funding grant over the next four years for community projects.

Station future in doubt as police look at further cuts

A POLICE sub-station in Smethwick is being considered for closure under cost-cutting plans. The future of Windmill House is in doubt.

It comes as the force looks at offloading underused buildings.

West Midlands Police has to save £126 million over the next four years as it tries to manage government cuts in funding.

The Windmill Lane base houses one team of 13 officers and police community support officers.

Underused

Ch Supt Mark Robinson, commander of Sandwell police, said: "The force is looking at all of its estates and those buildings that are being underused. We don't need as many buildings as we have at present, and there is money to be saved."

He said in the event of closure, staff would likely to be relocated to South Sandwell police station in Piddock Road, less than a mile away.

The proposed closure comes less than a month after it was announced that West Midlands Police wants to shut 12 bases including those in Wednesfield, Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen and Bloxwich from 6pm to 10am to save money.

As part of cost-cutting measures, the force will have shed more than 2,000 police officer and staff posts by 2015.

A decision is expected in the coming weeks.

Parking plan is dropped

THE creation of four residents-only parking zones in the shadow of The Hawthorns has fallen flat.

Sandwell Council drew up £20,000 proposals for double yellow lines and signage in four zones near to West Bromwich Albion's ground. This followed complaints from homeowners who said they had been repeatedly boxed into their own drives, or unable to find spaces, because of supporters clogging up the roads

Councillor Derek Rowley, head of neighbourhood services said: "The response to our public consultation was very poor so we are not going ahead with the parking zones at the moment.

"There was an apathetic response to the consultation and the number of people who wanted anything done was very low."

The Court of Requests pub in Oldbury was the 16,000th pub visited by the Black Country Ale Tasters. Pictured are (front from left) Kelvin Price from Tipton, duty manager Michelle Cromwell of Stourbridge, Peter Hill of Greets Green, (back) duty manager Daniel Cox of Tividale, Gary Mountain of West Bromwich, assistant manager David Newell from Wolverhampton

Ale fans' 16,000th pub visit

A 28-YEAR pub crawl has got to a milestone with participants reaching their 16,000th destination.

The Black Country Ale Tasters achieved the figure with a visit on Friday to Oldbury's newest pub, The Court of Requests.

Spokesman Peter Hill, aged 55, of Stour Street, West Bromwich, said: "To reach this stage is absolutely brilliant. They have had eight different ales on."

JD Wetherspoon spent £1.25million renovating the pub, which opened last month. It is a former library, dating back to 1816, and one of the oldest buildings in the town.

Mr Hill said: "They've done a really nice job. We've had a good day."

The Black Country Ale Tasters have been visiting pubs all over the country since 1984. The group invite other pub-goers to give donations during visits. These are given to charities. In the past six years, more than £12,000 has been raised.

Flats bid to revive historic building

A FORMER medical centre that has become a magnet for metal thieves will be transformed into eight apartments under new plans.

Cape House, with its iconic clock towe,r has stood in Cape Hill, Smethwick, since 1907. Now Birmingham-based Bansal Enterprises has applied to Sandwell Council to alter the inside.

The Grade II property, which dates back to 1907, was built for and used by The Birmingham General Dispensary, a regulatory body for local medical practitioners that was disbanded in the 1950s.

The dispensary was established by industrialist Sir Matthew Boulton for those who could not afford treatment at hospital or the workhouse infirmary.

It existed at several sites in Birmingham, with Cape House the last building to be associated with the name.

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Since being sold by the NHS in 2001 it has been vacant and fallen into disrepair.

The building was listed by English Heritage in February 2000 and in January 2005, planning permission was granted for the change of use from medical centre to a restaurant and function suite with a hotel.

However, developers now want to proceed with new plans describing them as "more financially viable".

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Council consider a blitz on new fast food outlets

BUSINESSES wanting to set up fast food restaurants in Sandwell are set to face tighter controls as council bosses tackle obesity in the borough.

Under a new policy being discussed yesterday (Wednesday) takeaways would not be able to open near schools.

They also would not be allowed where there are a high number of other takeaways; in areas where homes would be adversely affected; and where advice has come from the police that it is likely to lead to anti-social behaviour.

Sandwell Council's cabinet is being recommended to approve the adoption of the new planning policy.

Almost a third of adults in Sandwell are classed as obese – the highest proportion in the Black Country – while the borough also has the worst rate of childhood obesity in the region, with more than 25 per cent of students obese by the age of 11.

The new policy, called the Hot Food Takeaway Supplementary Planning Document, would apply to new businesses applying to open. Under the policy, planning permission will not be granted to takeaways within 1,300ft of secondary schools or approved sites for new secondary schools.

The distance was set following consultation with pupils which discovered that 68 per cent were not prepared to walk further than that during lunchtime.

The policy would also not allow a takeaway to be opened in areas where it would mean there are three or more nearby.

It's a diamond day

Celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary, Bill Mills and his wife Margaret Mills, of Princes End, Tipton.

A DIAMOND couple from Tipton are celebrating 60 years of marriage and said that never going to sleep on an argument was the secret to their long-living romance.

Bill and Margaret Mills tied the knot at St John's Church in Tipton in 1952. Mrs Mills, aged 78, a retired sewing machinist, said: "We have our arguments but we always forget about them soon afterwards."

The couple have a daughter Diane, aged 58, and two grandchildren.

Fame for fundraiser

AN Oldbury travel company has raised more than £1,000 for sick and disadvantaged children as part of an in-store charity drive. Staff at the town's Thomas Cook store, on Oldbury Green Retail Park, raised the cash when staff dressed up as characters from the movie Fame.

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M-way drains work will mean delays for drivers

MOTORISTS may be facing up to 10 weeks of misery on a stretch of motorway in the Black Country due to a £2.1 million scheme to replace drainage.

The Highways Agency is carrying out work on the 1.7-mile carriageway from the M5 junction one for West Bromwich to the M6 junction eight for Wednesbury. The round-the-clock project is expected to last around 10 weeks.

A new drainage system will be installed on both the north and southbound carriageways to prevent surface water collecting and to keep the road safe.

There will be narrow lanes running in both directions during the day with lane closures overnight. A 40mph speed restriction will be enforced to protect roadworkers and motorists.

There will also be occasional overnight closures of slip roads and the main carriageway between the hours of 10pm and 5am to allow work to take place.

Wayne Norris, Highways Agency project sponsor, said: "This is routine but vital maintenance work to replace the current drainage system which has come to the end of its serviceable life."

Parents admire work

Parent Sally Passey, with her parents Keith and Iris Waldron

PARENTS were invited to Lightwoods Primary School in Castle Road East, Smethwick, to see their youngsters' work after a special day in which pupils turned detective.

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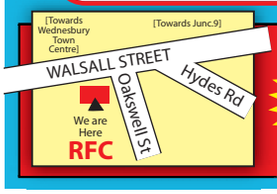

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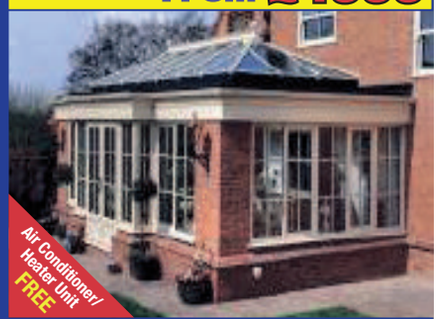

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Families still concerned after care centre closes

A RESPITE care centre in West Bromwich has closed its doors with the loss of 33 jobs after being axed in a shake-up of services.

Chiefs at Sandwell Council first decided to shut Warstone House last April. It left 72 families in turmoil who had used the facility with their severely disabled children.

The Salters Lane centre has closed and is earmarked for sale to raise cash for council coffers as it aims to save £75 million by 2015. Council chiefs say 13 former staff took voluntary redundancy. The decision to close the home was down to running costs, out-of-date facilities and Government directives to give families own budgets, said bosses.

Some who used the service have begun to use Abberley House in Tipton, run by Sandwell Community Caring Trust, for respite. Many, however, say they are still waiting to hear what money they will receive in the form of personalised budgets, and are not sure whether to book stays. The council says it will arrange respite services until payments are completed.

Joan Dearn, of Pearson Street, Old Hill, uses respite for her son Ian, who is blind and autistic, as well as daughter Charlean, aged 29, who has Down's Syndrome. Mrs Dearn said: "Abberley House is working well. The thing that's affecting us is that people don't know how much they are going to get for personalised budgets." Jenny Baggott uses respite for her daughter Jane, 51, who has Down's Syndrome, dementia and suffers epilepsy. She said: "People are having to pay for respite themselves."

Adult social care chief Councillor Ann Jaron said: "All service users have a personal budget that has been approved. No-one will be left waiting for a service."

Hope for chain reaction

DONATIONS are being sought for an £8,000 fundraising campaign to replace the former mayor's chain – stolen more than 30 years ago. To help call Wednesbury North Councillor Peter Hughes on (0121) 556 5005.

Vicarage gets a revamp

Rev Neil Robbie at the vicarage which needs refurbishing

A WEST Bromwich vicarage is to get a £25,000 revamp in a move to welcome ministry trainees to the church.

The Holy Trinity Church vicarage, built in 1845, has been loaned funding to refurbish the third floor of the building.

Work will include converting the third-floor rooms into two bedrooms, a lounge with kitchenette and a bathroom. The funding will also pay for heating and furniture, and the space will be home to a maximum of two ministry trainees who will work at the church and in the community.

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The end of the line at Holdens Brewery in January, 1967, as crates of beer are picked up on the forklift, ready to be loaded onto the lorries by Ike Hughes of Coseley, who had worked for the firm for 24 years

Raise a glass as brewery gets ready for expansion

The late Edwin Holden who joined the brewery in 1965

Stan Stephens, of Dudley Camra, and Jonathan Holden with 40th Birthday Ale brewed to celebrate Jonathan's birthday

FAMILY-RUN Holden's Brewery has seen a number of changes in the industry during its near 100-year history.

MEMORY LANE

by Adam Burling

With real ale enjoying a renaissance with drinkers moving away from modern lagers, the firm is looking stronger than ever.

One of just 33 family-owned independent breweries in Britain with 21 pubs across the Black Country, it has announced plans that will see its Woodsetton site extended and its ale production increased from 50,000 pints a week to 75,000.

Steve Thompson, brewery liaison officer for The Campaign for Real Ale, said: "Holden's is one of the most successful breweries in the area because it has responded to the changes in the industry."

The brewery began when one man decided not to follow in his father's footsteps and become a shoemaker, but instead to follow the example of his father-in-law. Edwin Alfred Holden was born in 1875, the youngest of seven sons.

His father Daniel was a skilled shoemaker and after he left school, Edwin decided to join him and older brother Walter in the family business. But he later married Lucy Round, whose father Benjamin owned the Trust in Providence, in Washington Street, Dudley.

It changed his career path and the young couple became tenants and ran a number of pubs including the Atkinson's house The Britannia Inn, Netherton.

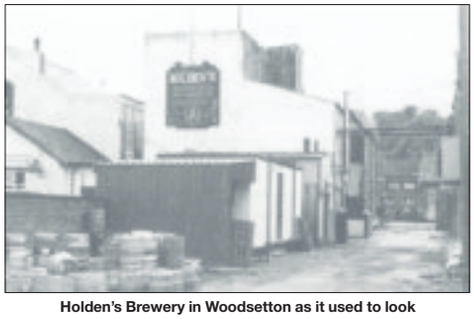
When Lucy's father died in 1900, her mother kept the licence of the Britannia and in 1904 the couple moved to the Struggling Man Inn, Dudley. The couple and their son Teddy later moved into The Park Inn, Woodsetton, a brewhouse.

They were there just six months when Edwin died in 1920. Lucy continued to operate the pub and Teddy was to follow in his mother and father's footstep.

The ensuing decades saw the company's expansion and the establishment of Edwin Holden's Bottling Company.

Before his death in 1981, Teddy had acquired several pubs including The New Inn, Rose & Crown, The Trumpet and extended the brewery. His son, Edwin, joined him in 1965. Together they increased the estate. His sons Jonathan and Edwin went on to increase the Holden's estate, which include the acclaimed Great Western in Wolverhampton and The Station, Codsall.

Jonathan, now a director, has been instrumental in the development of new products and hopes the expansion will represent "thousands of pounds investment".



Holden's Brewery in Woodsetton as it used to look

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Council cameras spy on the fly tippers

UNDERCOVER cameras being used as part of a campaign against fly-tipping in Walsall have proved a success, say the council.

A total of £1,377 has been spent on the new cameras, which will be target rubbish hotspots all over the borough.

Environment chief Councillor Tom Ansell said: "These cameras have successfully enabled us to record a number of suspected incidents of fly-tipping, and these are now being investigated further by enforcement officers.

Target

"The intention has always been, and remains so, to use the cameras borough-wide to target areas where fly-tipping is an issue."

In the year from September 2010, Walsall Council launched 152 fly-tipping investigations and served 74 waste enforcement notices.

Familiar glass canopy to go as part of revamp

The roof section which is to be removed from the West Bromwich shopping centre as part of the town's multi-million pound redevelopment

A LANDMARK of West Bromwich's High Street will be pulled down after approval was granted by planning bosses at Sandwell Council.

The glazed canopy which sits in the middle of the street and links Queen's Square and King's Square Shopping Centres will be demolished as part of the plans. It is part of a £5 million overhaul of Queens Square to bring it up to date and tie in with the £200m Tesco scheme which is aimed at transforming the town centre for future generations.

Fairacre Asset Management, which runs Queens Square Shopping Centre, had applied to the council to demolish the canopy, as well as create a new sprinkler tank, pump house and fencing, replace windows and replace external paving.

Centre bosses also intend to replace fire alarm system, install better lighting and smoke ventilation, a new sprinkler system, roof glazing and redecoration and repairs.

Officers from the borough's planning department have approved the plans at delegated level.

Roosting

The decision states: "The proposals are considered satisfactory and would enhance the appearance of the centre."

The landmark red steel canopy is being removed as it has exacerbated a problem with pigeon infestation in West Bromwich town centre by providing perches and covered roosting spaces for feral pigeons.

By Lisa Wright

Its removal is said to provide two main benefits – greater continuity of the market presence, and the removal of a health hazard as a pigeon roost.

Sandwell's economy boss, Councillor Ian Jones said: "One of the issues raised by the residents in the borough was about the attractiveness of those canopies and other planters in the centre of the High Street and that they served no useful purpose.

"We will be making sure we clear up the High Street and bring it back into more use with shoppers."

Police planning free fitting of thief proof plates

TAMPER-PROOF screws will be fitted to car number plates by police in West Bromwich in a bid to reduce motorists stealing fuel, known as 'bilking'.

Bilkers have struck across the region, taking petrol and making off without payment. In a bid to avoid police, thieves have used stolen number plates so their cars cannot be traced after being recorded on petrol station CCTV.

Now police in Greets Green and Lyng have decided to arrange a day to fit tamper-proof number plate screws for free at the BP petrol station in Dudley Street.

Sgt Kate Adams said: "We will be fitting tamper-proof number plate screws in the near future, to help reduce instances of number plate thefts.

"False plates are often used in 'bilkings', which is making off without payment for fuel.

"Fitting will be done while you wait and is free of charge."

Humour for heroes

A NIGHT of comedy, poetry and music will be held in Tipton to raise funds for the military charity Help For Heroes.

The event on February 10 at the Brook Street Community Centre in Tipton is being hosted by the Town Libraries Local History Group.

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Action to stop menace from drinking gangs

NUISANCE drinkers are again plaguing pockets of Sandwell borough, dumping cans and bottles in a canal and raising concerns that people will be put off the areas at night.

Police have issued fixed penalty notices for drinkers gathering in Hill Top, West Bromwich and Doe Bank Bridge, Tipton, in recent weeks, after problems returned to the area.

Officers have also used dispersal orders to split up groups of two or more people and ban them from the neighbourhood for 24 hours. Clean-up action has already been taken to clear "excessive" amounts of beer cans and bottles and licensees have been contacted to ensure they are being responsible in their sales.

Councillor Michael Middleton said he was "disappointed" to see the return of long-term problems, which at the peak, he said "made residents too scared to walk past the post office at night".

Excessive

Sgt Sarah Smyth, of Wednesbury South neighbourhood team which covers the areas, said: "The issue is split into two areas, around the shops Hill Top and the new estate near Doe Bank Bridge, Tipton.

"Officers from the team have been working with the Waterways Agency to clean up the canal and remove the excessive amount of beer cans and bottles. Several fixed penalty notices have been issues and a number of people given notices to leave the area subject of powers afforded by the Crime and Disorder Act."

Councillor Middleton said the problem had appeared under control until recent weeks.

Mini motos seized

TWO mini motorbikes have been seized in Oldbury as part of a crack down on nuisance problems and anti-social behaviour, police have said. Officers in the town are clamping down on antisocial behaviour on the Temple Way Estate.

Reggae sauce man visit

Levi Roots cooks up a treat with kitchen team leader Dane Nixon

CELEBRITY chef Levi Roots, who made his name on Dragons' Den with his Reggae Reggae Sauce, visited a Great Barr pub to showcase his culinary skills.

The chef, who promotes Caribbean-style food, visited The Towers Sizzling Public House on Walsall Road, to demonstrate to staff and customers how to put together his recipes, which are on the pub's menu. He also met Kingstanding mum Tracy Grant who won a competition on the pub's Facebook page to cook with Levi.

The entrepreneur, 53, from Brixton, who made it big on the BBC TV show five years ago, said: "I enjoy guiding people because it was advice more than the money which helped me when I started. I want to give others support and show them, no matter where you come from, it can be done."

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Dog owners must be responsible

THE stray dog problem in the West Midlands seems to be getting worse. Dogs picked up by the dog warden are given a seven-day period in which owners can claim them.

If you have lost a dog please contact your local council and report it – it may be serving its seven days in kennels.

After this period they can legally be re-homed. But because of the number of dogs coming in, it is only a matter of time before dogs will lose their lives through no fault of their own.

UK legislation states that all dogs (except working dogs) should wear a collar and tag in a public place, but micro chipping is a good idea.

I urge all dog owners to ID dogs and neuter them. Many are picked up and never claimed because some owners simply won't pay kennel fees or can't be bothered. They think it is okay for their dog to roam free with no identification, and it is the dog warden's job to return it.

When you take on a dog it is your sole responsibility to make your garden secure, to chip it, to neuter, train it, feed and exercise it. When dogs get lost, die on the roads, and in pounds, it is not the fault of the council, dog wardens, the kennels or the volunteers.

But there are also people who have lost their pets and want them back. If anyone finds a stray dog, report it to the council. For more information visit the website www.K9Searchuk.com

Mrs H Bird,
Dorsett Road, Darlaston.

Danger of delay with work on junction

EWART JOHNSON appears to accept that the responsibility to improve the Kings Head, Hagley Road junction lies with Birmingham City Council, and then implies Sandwell Council are "crying wolf" because the money isn't there to carry out the improvements.

Why would we cry wolf over funding for a project we are not responsible for?

If he has checked with Birmingham City Council, he will be aware that they have the allocation for the roadworks in their budget, and according to their Cabinet forward plan they still intend to carry the work out.

If there are any problems they are because the City Council has to carry out compulsory purchase of land, and delays may put the project at risk.

Councillor Bob Piper.

LETTERS to the Editor

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Ludicrous to keep the elderly at work

I WONDER if our MPs evaluate proposals that the Government put forward in Parliament before they vote, or do they just vote with the rest of the sheep? I am thinking of the latest idea about the old Government pension.

The Government has come up with another un-brilliant idea that as we are living longer we should be able to work longer.

I have news for our MPs. This is not due to evolution but simply because we are no longer made to work in dirty unhygienic conditions for 70 hours a week like our forbears, but we are still prone to age-related ailments like rheumatism, lumbago, arthritis, loss of hearing and failing eyesight.

We are not as steady as we used to be, we cannot lift as much or carry as much as we used to. These are the things we have to live with, so to make us occupy jobs that would normally be available to the younger jobless, is ludicrous.

I was under the impression that the Government wanted to reduce unemployment not increase it.

C W Blakeway,
Parsons Hill, Oldbury.

The Public could be replaced by buses

SO Will Alsop the designer of The Public launched a stinging attack on its critics.

That's a surprise. These people still do not get it, do they? They are on a different planet to us mere mortals.

Now we hear parts of it are used for storage, perhaps they should have a storage exhibition.

This whole episode is farcical.

Now lets discuss the new development area including Tesco. More of us will be encouraged to use public transport, but how will the hundreds or thousands of shoppers without a car get to the bus station which will then be on the wrong side of the town?

I've got it! Sandwell council can demolish The Public and guess what we can have in its place – a new bus station.

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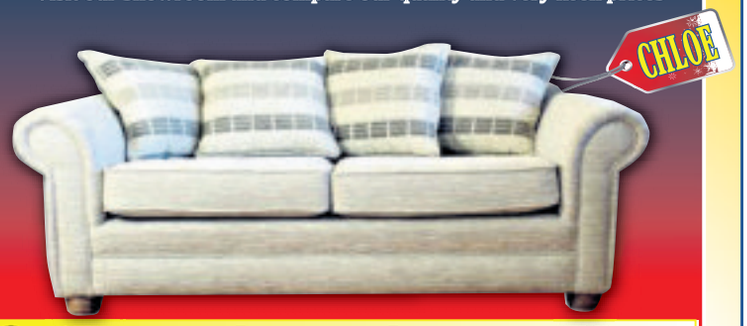

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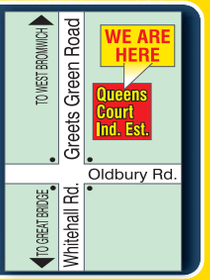

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Watch out boys! The girls can propose in leap year

ANY woman in a long-term relationship knows the feeling. Your birthday comes and goes, Valentine's Day passes without incident and then Christmas crops up and nothing, nada, zilch.

Yep, waiting for your so-relaxed-he's-almost-horizontal boyfriend to pop the question can be frustrating. But fear not ladies, 2012 is a leap year and you know what that means – we get to go down on one knee and make the proposal for a change.

The custom dates back thousands of years, empowering women to ask the most important question in any couple's relationship. Traditionalists believe the deed can only be done on February 29 but more and more women are seizing the opportunity throughout the whole month.

Would you do me the honour... ladies can get down on one knee and show those chaps how to do the ring thing in a leap year

Yearning

But, as with everything, it's all about location, location, location. Luckily, there are a few brave souls out there who have paved the way first to give us inspiration. Music festivals, football matches, golf courses and over the sound system of a train station have all been done before. But nothing is going to send a shy guy running for the hills quite like a huge, attention-grabbing proposal. In the privacy of your own home, his favourite walking spot or a low-key intimate restaurant are more suitable locations if your partner is more reserved.

The leap year legend itself dates back to the fifth century after St Bridget complained to St Patrick that women were having to wait too long for a man to propose. St Patrick agreed that yearning females could be allowed one day in February, during a leap year, to do their stuff. He also decreed – and this is the best bit – that if turned down, the woman should extract a fine from the man or be given a beautiful garment of some kind. A win-win situation I think you'll agree.

These days, nine per cent of proposals are from women to men – with 80 per cent of men saying they would accept a proposal from a woman. Once a rarity, girlie proposals are now much more commonplace, thanks in part to the efforts of Monica in Friends and Miranda in Sex and the City.

This year, more than 700,000 women nationwide are due to pop the question. But there are still more than a few pitfalls to consider. First of all, do you get down on one knee? Jodi Goldman, a relationship expert with motivational training organisation Learnpurple thinks not.

"It's usually inadvisable for women to get down on one knee," she says. "It makes it doubly embarrassing if the man then says no, and, anyway, they are likely to be distracted by your cleavage when you're in that position."

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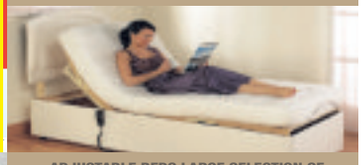

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We organise a monthly social club, day trips, holidays and dinners for our members.

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This is a social enterprise run by Ideal for All. All income generated through the sale of services will help the community projects we run.

CLUB NEWS

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Folk laws surround the robin

SEDGLEY MORNING TWG

THE ladies agreed that the talk by David Tideswell on "Robin Redbreast" was very interesting and we soon realised that David is very passionate about his favourite bird.

We were informed of the folk law surrounding the robin as well as the history and its use in advertising such as Robin starch, cigarettes, and wool.

In addition, we were told of the correct nesting boxes and positions in the garden to put them, as well as the correct food, including good quality seed and mealworms.

The morning continued with a bring and buy sale followed by a beetle drive which caused much amusement.

Some members are going to see Sister Act at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, this month and there will be other visits arranged in the future.

Everyone agreed that they enjoyed the Christmas lunch at the Himley Hotel on December 15 and the shopping visit to Webbs of Wychbold garden centre near Worcester,

The Floral Arts group theme for January was members' own interpretation of winter.

Sedgley Morning Townswomen's Guild meets on the first Thursday of the month at All Saints Church Hall, Vicar Street, Sedgley, from 10am to noon.

New recruits are welcome at club

Left, last year's Highgate Probus chairman, Cynthia Haynes, this year's chairman, Isabel Mason, and the vice-chair, Sue Booker

HIGHGATE PROBUS

HIGHGATE Ladies Probus Club held their Christmas dinner at The Terrace restaurant Brownhills. Members and guests enjoyed a lovely meal and after a toast to the Queen the afternoon was rounded off with a raffle, the main prize being a meal for two donated by The Terrace and won by Hilda Skett.

The club meets on the second Monday of each month at Broadway United Reform Church, Gillity Avenue, Walsall, at 10.15am. The talk at the February 13 meeting is The Englishman's Castle is his Home.

Highgate Ladies Probus Club is open to retired or semi-retired ladies and new members are always welcome.

US-style launch for 2012

WEDNESBURY TWG

AN EXCELLENT start to the New Year was an American style buffet and entertainment, all provided by members.

Recent talks and slide shows have including Bryan Ralph and his wife Janet to promote the wonderful work of the RNLI in the current century. A film was shown depicting the rigorous training need to reach their very high standards. As usual, guild members responded to the appeal with enthusiasm.

A donation of £100 was gratefully received by Acorns Children's Hospice in memory of Mrs Valerie Hancox, a much loved member of the guild, who devoted a great deal of her time to this worthwhile cause.

Guild meetings are held at 7.15pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the Baptist Church, Vicar Street, Wednesbury. New members receive a warm welcome.

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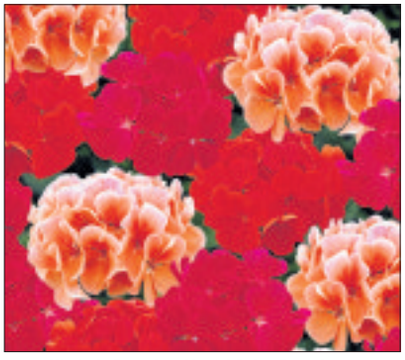

Kinder's Geranium Hot 'n' Spicy Geraniums

IT may be winter out there, but indoors it is warm enough to grow all manner of seeds and seedlings capable of bursting into new life.

A mild spell outdoors will provide the opportunity to improve soil, get seedlings under way and prepare for a more beautiful garden this spring and summer.

Canny gardeners have realised that buying almost fully grown plants in early summer ready to plant out in patio pots, hanging baskets and garden borders is not the cheapest way of buying plant material. Varieties are almost always restricted and unusual new strains of plants with the most vibrant of colours are not always available.

Pots of flowering bedding plants may be great for the 'instant' gardeners who first touch soil in May, but provide no growing satisfaction for hobby gardeners.The trend nowadays for people who love to get their hands dirty is to buy seedlings or plug plants early in the new year and to grow these plants on until they are ready to plant out. Your garden centre will have plenty of tiny seedlings and plantlets to choose from in February and March or you can order them from a catalogue or the internet.

Mini-petunia

You should be able to find several different coloured geraniums in the New Century family from Appleblossom, through white, orange, to salmon, scarlet and raspberry ripple. Also on offer will be mixed bedding begonias from the Devil and Prelude strains. I shall be growing rooted cuttings of a new mini-petunia Calibrachoa Cherry Star from Dobies.

Seedlings will come in pots containing recently germinated plants that need pricking out immediately into trays of compost so they have extra room in which to develop a good root system and stronger stems and leaves. To achieve those results quickly and easily these seedlings deserve a good compost that is free draining and contains slow release plant foods that gradually feed over several months.

Kinder Garden Plants are sold in trays of 20 cells all ideal for garden beds, containers and hanging baskets. You will find single veined pink, red and mauve Petunia called Reflections and frilly double flowers of white and mixed colours in the Petunia Pirouette strain. Favourite for me are the Hot 'n' Spicy Geraniums that come in pink, salmon and red shades.

To get these tiny treasures growing fast give them root space in a tip-top compost of your choice. For quickest growth and biggest plants choose a potting compost so rich in nutrients it advises you not to sow seeds in it. For maximum flowering potential use Miracle-Gro Expand n' Gro or Moisture Control Compost.

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On the cusp of great things – Bridgnorth Station was in a state of limbo in 1968

The last passenger train at Bridgnorth in 1963

Keith Beddoes, of Telford, who led the campaign to bring the SVR back to life

Film star David Niven was a visitor in 1976

Anniversary celebrates golden age of steam

MEMORY LANE

by Simon Hardy

STEAM railway enthusiasts in the Midlands have been celebrating a landmark anniversary.

The first train ran on the Severn Valley Railway 150 years ago and the first passengers hopped aboard on February 1, 1862.

That first train went from Worcester to Shrewsbury but these days it extends 16 miles from Kidderminster to Bridgnorth.

It is no longer in the commercial transport business. A paid staff of about 70 are responsible for administration and commercial activities and about 250,000 passengers use the line each year.

Official celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary will be held in May.

Mike York, director of Severn Valley Railway Holdings, said: "It was never the most popular of railway lines and was not the most successful as a commercial operation.

"It relied as much on fate as it did on regular passengers."

The original Severn Valley line linked Hartlebury, near Droitwich, with Shrewsbury, a distance of 40 miles.

Locomotives and rolling stock were borrowed and the line was absorbed into the Great Western Railway in the 1870s. In 1878 a link line was constructed from Bewdley to Kidderminster.

That enabled trains to run directly from the West Midlands.

The Severn Valley line was never financially successful.

During the Great Western days the pattern of services remained similar, with usually four passenger trains per day in each direction, and a few more on the section south of Bridgnorth. Freight traffic, which was mostly agricultural or coal from the Highley area, was the principal source of revenue.

The advent of the lorry in the 1930s spelled disaster, although the line was strategically useful in the Second World War.

Bridgnorth town councillor Brian Jones, who was the railway's civil engineer between 1972 and 1982, said: "In 1947, when the railways were nationalised, it became part of British Railways until November 1963 when it closed due to the Dr Beeching cuts.

"The SVR Society opened in July 1965 and it took five years of negotiations to get the five-mile line between Bridgnorth and Kidderminster open."

The line has featured in a number of films including Candleshoe, starring David Niven. and was used for the Sherlock Holmes blockbuster, A Game of Shadows.

Saved from the scrapyard, the Severn valley Railway's first loco

An aerial view of Bridgnorth Railway Station as it looks today

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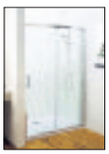

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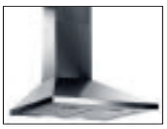

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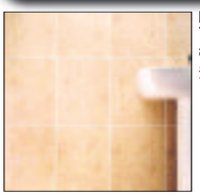

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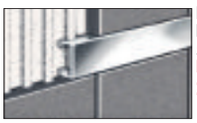

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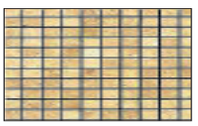

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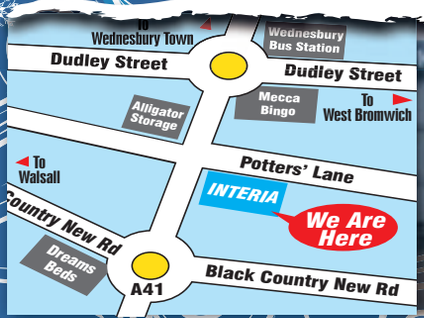

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Thousands rejected for job as bus driver

THOUSANDS of people who applied to be bus drivers in the West Midlands have been rejected.

Many are turned down for penalty points on their driving licences, it has emerged. Scores of vacancies for bus drivers remain unfilled.

National Express West Midlands took on 420 bus drivers over the last year out of 4,500 applicants. A spate of older drivers retiring created 170 more spaces. But, despite the high number of people looking for jobs, bosses are still seeking more because of the number that failed to make the grade.

Tests

They blamed the failure rate on applicants having points on their driving licences.

The bus industry standard is to accept drivers with three points – the equivalent of one minor speeding offence. But National Express does not allow anyone to pass the interview if they have any points at all.

The company also runs literacy and numeracy tests and some applicants failed those as well.

Trainees who make the grade are put through their paces at the firm's training centre in Walsall where trainees are tested on theory and their driving is assessed.

Ballcock king who tapped into market of making brass

Stephen Carter's photo of the inside of the C H Edwards castings works, Bilston

Just one of the many pictures from the past –this shows how the works had been extended since 1916

Charles and Sarah Edwards in May 1973

From being the Ballcock King of England, to a major shareholder in Wolves, Charles Edwards led a colourful life. MARK ANDREWS looks at the impression he left on the Black Country

THEY called him the King of the Ballcocks. But he was pretty big in taps, too. When it came to making brass castings for the plumbing industry, Charles Edwards was master of all he surveyed.

These pictures, belonging to Mr Edwards' grandson Stephen Carter, perfectly capture the way thousands of people in the Black Country would have lived when they were taken in 1938.

By day, the Millfields district of Bilston reverberated to the heavy thrum of the huge machinery and the dull thud of metal being pressed into shape. By night, the same area would be buzzing around the countless pubs which thrived in the area.

Banter

People worked together, drank together, and lived together, in the terraced houses which lined the narrow streets that surrounded this industrial heartland. They exchanged banter on the factory floor, and they carried on over a pint or two after work.

"They were very close-knit communities," says Brian Fellows of Bilston historical society. "It was the same with Stewart and Lloyds, and with John Thompson. Whole families worked there for generations."

So big a part did the company play in the Bilston community, that in 1928 a street was given the name Chem Road, taken from the initials of C H Edwards, Millfields.

In its day, the company was one of the world's leading producers of brass taps and ball valves. It was also one of the first companies to employ large numbers of women – at one point he had 200 female workers in his foundry.

Charles Henry Edwards was born in Stephenson Street, Chapel Ash, in 1888. He left school when he was 12 and worked for his uncle in one of the many metal working businesses in the area. He met his future wife, Sarah Nixon, at a political meeting at Wolverhampton's market patch.

Family legend has it that Sarah and her family emigrated to Nova Scotia in 1909 partly to escape his unwanted advances.

"He was thought to be rather below her in social class," says Mr Carter. Undeterred, he pursued her to Canada, travelling by boat twice to try and win her hand.

"On the second occasion in 1912 he had convinced her parents that he had made enough of himself to be worthy of her," adds Mr Carter, who is keen to hear if anybody has memories of working at the foundry.

A year after he got married he felt he had picked up sufficient experience of his trade to go it alone, and he formed C H Edwards.

Almost by accident, he became one of the major shareholders in Wolverhampton Wanderers after buying a stake from the proverbial man in the pub.

"I recall him telling me that when the Wolves went bust in 1923, shares in the new company were being offered around all the pubs in Wolverhampton to anyone who would buy them.

Congratulate

"He bought 100 shares and at one stage was the ninth largest shareholder in the Wolves," says Mr Carter.

He sold his shares to Wolverhampton tycoon John Ireland, who would become Wolves chairman, in the early 1970s. He was also the captain of Oxley Golf Club in Wolverhampton, and donated the C H Edwards Cup to the club.

The company was taken over by the Delta Metal group in 1961, and went the same way as much of the Black Country's heavy industry in the 1970s as cheap plastic plumbing components began to supplant the traditional brass hardware.

In May 1973, the Mayor of Wolverhampton Arthur Storer called into their home in Wrottesley Road West to congratulate the couple on their diamond wedding anniversary.

They had five children, 15 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Stephen Carter, who is 61, works as a solicitor and notary public in the city, while his brother Robert was vicar of St Jude's Church in Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton, from 1994 and 2011.

Travel site claims on reviews are halted

TRAVEL website TripAdvisor has been banned from claiming all its reviews are by real travellers.

The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) said claims that all reviews on the site were genuine were "misleading".

The ruling came after complaints highlighted pledges on the TripAdvisor website. Online comments claimed: "Reviews you can trust", "read reviews from real travellers".

There have been concerns that some reviews on the popular site, which covers hotels, resorts and other destinations, are written by people connected to the destinations themselves but passed off as the experiences of genuine tourists.

Genuine

The complainants said they understood that TripAdvisor did not verify the reviews and therefore could not prove they were genuine or from real travellers.

The ASA upheld the complaint and said that consumers would take the claims on the website to mean they could be certain that the reviews posted were from genuine travellers.

TripAdvisor said it used "advanced and highly effective" fraud detection systems. But it said it was "not practical" for them to screen each review manually before it was posted.

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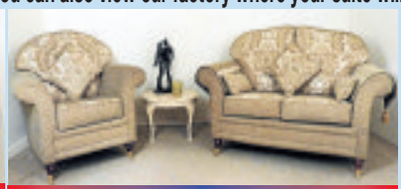

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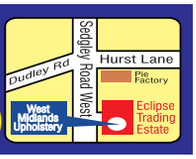

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WINTER WIPEOUT

BBC1, 6.15pm

Amanda Byram has had a lot on her plate in recent weeks. She's been promoting the benefits of outdoor exercise with British Military Fitness, prepping for a thousand-mile Sport Relief race, fronting new Sky show Don't Stop Me Now, and, alongside Richard Hammond, is one of the regular presenting team on this series. So, the obvious question is: has she ever had a go at the course herself? 'Erm no, because I'm so competitive I'm afraid I'll be rubbish!' she laughs. In this edition, a magician and a trio dubbed 'the Don Squad' tackle the winter-themed obstacle course.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.35** Rachel Allen: Home Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** British Olympic Dreams. **1.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Italy v England (Kick-off 4.00pm).

6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
6.15 Winter Wipeout. A magician and a trio dubbed 'the Don Squad' tackle the winter-themed obstacle course.
7.15 The Magicians. Ed Byrne, Joe Swash and George Sampson join the illusionists for a final set of magic-themed challenges. With a guest performance by Dutch magician Hans Klok. Last in the series.
8.30 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.
9.20 Casualty. Sam refuses to talk to Keith Parr about his neck injury, and instead focuses on treating a patient she believes was sexually assaulted.
10.10 BBC News; Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v Liverpool; National Lottery Update.
11.55 The Football League Show.

1.10 Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.10** CBBC. **12.00** Film: The War Lover. (1962) Second World War drama, starring Steve McQueen. **1.40** Film: Two Rode Together. (1961) Western, starring James Stewart. **3.30** Birds Britannia: Garden Birds. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Escape to the Country. (R)

6.00 Flog It! From Kilmarnock. (R)
7.00 Dad's Army. An invasion alert throws Mainwaring's hopeless would-be heroes into a panic, leading one half of the platoon to launch an attack on the other. (R)
7.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v Ireland (Kick-off 8.00pm). John Inverdale presents coverage of tonight's fixture at the Stade de France in Paris, where the sides play their second match of the campaign.
10.00 Pan Am. Colette flirts with a mysterious stranger.
10.40 Pan Am. Ginny follows Dean to Rome.
11.20 TOTP2: The 60s. Performances by Lulu, the Kinks and Don Partridge. Last in the series.
11.50 FILM: The Assassination of Richard Nixon. (2004) A man worn down with troubles blames Richard Nixon for all his problems and plots an attempt on the president's life. Fact-based thriller, starring Sean Penn.

1.20 Film: The Delta Factor. (1970) Spy thriller, starring Christopher George. **2.55** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.25** This Morning: Saturday. **12.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Film: Johnny English. (2003) Spy comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. **3.15** Film: You've Got Mail. (1998) Romantic comedy, starring Tom Hanks. **5.30** Regional News ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 All Star Family Fortunes. New series. The game show hosted by Vernon Kay returns. Loose Women's Carol Vorderman and astrologer Russell Grant team up with their relatives to win a cash prize for charity.
7.00 New You've Been Framed! Featuring bridesmaids behaving badly.
7.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights.
8.00 Take Me Out. A farmer, a management consultant, a young Conservative and an architecture student try to impress 30 single women.
9.15 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Denzel Washington, Keira Knightley, Tom Hardy and Dionne Warwick.
10.15 ITV News; Weather.
10.30 FILM: Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason. (2004) Romantic comedy sequel, with Renee Zellweger.

12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Volleyball. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Everyone's Talking About — Top Ten. **9.25** T4: New Girl. (R) **9.55** T4: New Girl. (R) **10.25** T4: Playing It Straight. **11.25** T4: New Girl. (R) **11.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.20** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Channel 4 Presents — 2012: David Clarke — Part Two. (R) **4.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 Come Dine with Me. Lisa Merrell hosts the final dinner party in Warwickshire. (R)
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.10 4thought.tv. A homosexual rabbi gives his views on same-sex marriage ceremonies.
7.15 FILM: Crocodile Dundee II. (1988) The Australian adventurer lures the drug dealers who kidnapped his girlfriend to the Outback for a showdown. Comedy adventure sequel, with Paul Hogan.
9.20 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall. Last in the series.
10.55 FILM: AVP: Alien vs Predator. (2004) Thriller, with Sanaa Lathan.

12.40 Film: Get Rich or Die Tryin.' (2005) Drama, starring Curtis '50 Cent' Jackson. **2.40** Atlantic. (R) **2.45** Stagnate. (R) **2.50** Shapes. (R) **2.55** 90210. (R) **3.40** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **4.25** Time Team. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.30** Winter Road Rescue. (R) **11.30** Royal Navy: Caribbean Patrol. (R) **12.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.25** Film: Private Benjamin. (1980) Comedy, starring Goldie Hawn. **3.30** Film: The Return of the Musketeers. (1989) Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Oliver Reed and Michael York. **5.30** Film: The Princess Bride. (1987) Comic fantasy adventure, starring Cary Elwes.

7.15 5 News Weekend.
7.20 NCIS. As Christmas approaches, the team works overtime to solve a robbery — a case made doubly difficult by the fact that the prime suspect has supposedly been dead for 17 years. (R)
8.15 NCIS. McGee is sent to a women's prison to interview a murder suspect, but ends up being captured and held hostage by the inmates, who are afraid they will be blamed for killing a guard. (R)
9.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A woman is shot in her home, and the team suspects the involvement of her husband. (R)
10.10 CSI: NY. A woman's body is found in a Ferrari.
11.05 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Stabler discovers a relative's link to a robbery.

12.05 SuperCasino. **4.05** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
3.20 American Idol **5.10** Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home (1995) **7.10** Film: About a Boy (2002) **9.15** Take Me Out — The Gossip **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.45** Film: King Kong (2005)

ITV3
3.00 Film: Columbo: Caution — Murder Can Be Hazardous to Your Health (1991) **4.55** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.05** Film: Memphis Belle (1990)

ITV4
2.45 Film: Dr No (1962) **5.00** Film: Brewster's Millions (1985) **7.00** Film: Weekend at Bernie's (1989) **9.00** Film: Blazing Saddles (1974) **10.55** Film: Police Academy (1984)

BBC THREE
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **7.20** Doctor Who **8.10** Top Gear **9.10** Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2011 **10.10** Film: I Love You, Man (2008) **11.50** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Survivors: Nature's Indestructible Creatures **8.00** The Himalayas **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.45** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.25** Film: San Francisco's Year Zero: We Were Here (2011)

E4
1.55 Hollyoaks **4.25** Perfect Couples **5.20** Scrubs **6.20** The Big Bang Theory **7.20** Happy Endings **7.50** How I Met Your Mother **8.20** Rules of Engagement **8.50** The Big Bang Theory **9.20** Film: Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story (2004) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
2.50 The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill, But Came Down a Mountain (1995) **4.40** Cocoon: The Return (1988) **6.55** The Three Musketeers (1993) **9.00** Star Trek (2009) The first mission of the starship Enterprise leads to a battle with a vengeful Romulan captain from the future. Sci-fi adventure, starring Chris Pine and Zachary Quinto. **11.25** The Disappeared (2008) Horror, starring Harry Treadaway.

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DANCING ON ICE
ITV1, 6.30pm

A fortnight ago, the Dancing on Ice celebrities took to the rink for a series of skating "duels," with the winners gaining immunity from the public vote. But this week, the contestants are more likely to be sending each other admiring glances and air kisses than pretending to be challenging each other to a fight on the ice. That's because it's a Valentine's themed-episode, and love is definitely air. However, the remaining couples shouldn't let the romantic atmosphere dull their competitive edge, because judges Louie Spence, Robin Cousins and Katarina Witt will still be scoring their efforts, and the public will still be voting to save their favourites.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. **2.00** The Royal Bodyguard. (R) **2.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Wales v Scotland (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Countryfile. On the Isle of Wight, Matt Baker hears the story of a horse used in the First World War and Ellie Harrison tries winter surfing.
8.00 Call the Midwife. Jenny nurses a man with cancer, and Fred comes up with a money-making venture involving a pig called Evie, only for his plans to be scuppered when it turns out the sow is pregnant.
9.00 The British Academy Film Awards. Stephen Fry hosts the Bafta ceremony from the Royal Opera House in London, as stars of the silver screen gather to celebrate the past 12 months' cinematic achievements.
11.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
11.25 Room 101 – Extra Storage. With Ross Noble, Jamelia and Germaine Greer.

12.05 The Sky at Night. **12.25** Weatherview. **12.30** Sign Zone: Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **1.10** Holby City. (R) **2.10** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) **3.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Film: East of Sudan. (1964) Period adventure, starring Anthony Quayle. **1.00** EastEnders. **3.00** Film: Summer Magic. (1963) Disney musical comedy, starring Hayley Mills. **4.45** Flog It! (R) **5.15** Ski Sunday.

6.00 The Last Explorers. Neil Oliver visits Japan to explore how trader Thomas Blake Glover helped rebel clans lay the foundations for one of the most world's most powerful economies. Last in the series. (R)
7.00 Queens of British Pop. Concluding the celebration of 12 female singers of the past 50 years, focusing on Annie Lennox, Alison Moyet, Kylie Minogue, Geri Halliwell, Amy Winehouse and Leona Lewis. (R)
8.00 Top Gear. James May tests the updated Fiat Panda.
9.00 Toughest Place to Be a Train Driver. Simon Davies works with Peruvian train drivers in the Andes. Last in the series.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Aston Villa v Manchester City.
11.00 Frank Skinner's Opinionated. From Norwich, with Chris Addison and Katy Brand. (R)
11.30 Rugby Union: Six Nations Highlights.

12.15 Ski Sunday. (R) **1.00** Film: Under the Mud. (2006) Comedy, starring Andrew Schofield. **2.25** BBC News. **3.10** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** Dinner Date. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.40** Film: Columbo: Sex and the Married Detective. (1989) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.30** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.30** Regional News ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (R)
6.30 Dancing on Ice. The 10 remaining celebrities take part in a love-themed show ahead of Valentine's Day, battling to impress the judges and win public votes.
8.30 Wild at Heart. Du Plessis sets out to prove Danny's innocence, whatever the cost, while Rosie goes on a lone search for a wild cheetah, leading her into a dangerous situation.
9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two lowest-scoring couples compete.
10.00 That Sunday Night Show. With guests including Al Murray and Ross Noble.
10.30 ITV News; Weather.
10.45 Whitechapel. A second mass murder occurs with no obvious signs of a break-in. (R)
11.45 Premiership Rugby Union.

12.35 The Zone. Interactive gaming; ITV News Headlines. **2.10** Ladette to Lady: Australia. The winner is announced. Last in the series. **2.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.25** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **7.55** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Ellie Simmonds – Part Two. How the Paralympic swimming gold medallist copes with pressure. (R) **8.00** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **8.50** T4: Countdown to the NME Awards 2012. (R) **9.05** T4: Hollyoaks. (R) **11.40** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.15** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** UK Indoor Athletics Trials & Championships. Live coverage from the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. **3.55** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **4.25** Time Team. **5.25** Deal or No Deal.

6.25 Channel 4 News.
6.55 The Political Slot.
7.00 Home of the Future. New series. A family home is installed with the latest technology and gadgets.
8.00 The Hotel. Manager Mark decides to rejuvenate his restaurant, the Inn.
9.00 The Wedding Proposal. Four people plan to pop the question in memorable ways.
10.00 FILM: PS I Love You. (2007) Romantic drama, starring Hilary Swank and Gerard Butler.

12.25 4thought.tv. **12.30** Film: Amelia. (2009) Premiere. Biopic, starring Hilary Swank. **2.25** Film: Brick. (2005) Mystery drama, starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt. **4.15** Mesh: The Wrong Turn. (R) **4.20** Mesh: Tourist Trap. (R) **4.25** Mesh: Daddy. (R) **4.30** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **5.10** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Hannah Cockroft – Part Two. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Olivia. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.35** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.50** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.05** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **10.55** Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.55** Film: Pete's Dragon. (1977) **2.00** Film: Muppets from Space. (1999) Family puppet comedy, with F Murray Abraham. **3.45** Film: That Darn Cat. (1997) Disney comedy remake, starring Christina Ricci. **5.30** Film: X2. (2003) Superhero adventure sequel, with Hugh Jackman.

8.00 True Grit: The True Story.
8.50 5 News Weekend.
9.00 FILM: Ghost Rider. (2007) Fantasy thriller, based on the comic-book, starring Nicolas Cage and Eva Mendes.
11.10 FILM: Best of the Best. (1989) Martial arts drama, starring Eric Roberts.

1.05 Inside Hollywood. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.55** Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) **4.10** How Not to Decorate. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Weekend Breaks. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
3.50 Harry Hill's TV Burp **4.15** The Only Way Is Essex **5.50** Film: Free Willy 3: The Rescue (1997) **7.40** Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: The Island (2005)

ITV3
3.45 Film: The Secret of My Success (1987) **6.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Cracker

ITV4
3.05 Film: The Cimarron Kid (1952) **4.50** Film: The Man from the Alamo (1953) **6.30** Live Africa Cup of Nations. The final (Kick-off 7.00pm). **9.30** Premiership Rugby Union **10.30** Film: This Is Spinal Tap (1984)

BBC THREE
7.00 Great TV Mistakes **7.30** The British Academy Film Awards: Red Carpet **8.00** Young Gardener of the Year **9.00** Being Human **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.25** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents

BBC FOUR
7.00 Treasures of Heaven **8.00** Shooting the Hollywood Stars **9.00** We'll Take Manhattan **10.30** Film: Treeless Mountain (2008) **11.55** How the Brits Rocked America: Go West

E4
4.35 Samantha Who? **5.05** Being Erica **6.00** 90210 **6.55** Film: Monster-in-Law (2005) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Skins

FILM4
3.00 Bugsy Malone (1976) **4.50** Planet of the Apes (1968) **7.00** The Bad News Bears (1976) A former baseball player coaches a bunch of hopeless kids and turns them into winners, aided by an ex-girlfriend's talented daughter. Comedy, with Walter Matthau. **9.00** What Lies Beneath (2000) A doctor's wife is troubled by visions of a ghostly girl who appears to be asking her for help. Supernatural thriller, starring Michelle Pfeiffer, Harrison Ford and Diana Scarwid. **11.30** Hot Rod (2007)

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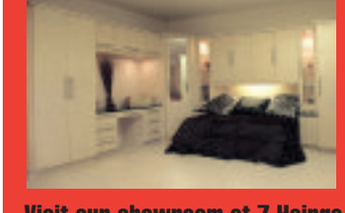
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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Wanted Down Under Revisited. (R) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Britain's Empty Homes. (R) **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Inside Out; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Poor America – Panorama. **9.00** The Diamond Queen. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** A Question of Sport. **11.05** Late Kick Off. **11.35** The Graham Norton Show. (R) **12.20** Weatherview. **12.25** Sign Zone: Who Do You Think You Are? (R) **1.25** Natural World: Tiger Dynasty. (R) **2.25** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) **3.25** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.45** Film: Blackbeard's Ghost. (1967) Disney comedy fantasy, starring Peter Ustinov. **1.30** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Perfection. (R) **5.15** Antiques Road Trip. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Britain's Heritage Heroes. **7.00** Operation Hospital Food with James Martin. **8.00** University Challenge. **8.30** An Island Parish. **9.00** Protecting Our Children. **10.00** Mock the Week – Again. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Pan Am. (R) **12.00** Pan Am. (R) **12.40** BBC News. **3.15** The Super League Show. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R) **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Cornwall with Caroline Quentin. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Whitechapel. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** That Sunday Night Show. (R) **11.05** Law & Order: UK. (R) **12.05** River Monsters. (R) **12.35** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Champions League Weekly. **3.05** ITV Nightscreen. **4.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.00** Sali Mali. (R) **6.05** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Will Bayley – Part Two. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** The Secret Millionaire USA. (R) **9.55** Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) **11.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Stephen Miller – Part Two. (R) **12.10** Country House Rescue. (R) **1.10** Film: The Time Machine. (1960) Sci-fi adventure, starring Rod Taylor. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal: 80s Love Mix. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Coach Trip. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Olympic Tickets for Sale: A Dispatches Special. **9.00** Coppers. **10.00** America's Serial Killer: True Stories. **11.25** Random Acts. **11.30** Shameless. (R) **12.30** Music on 4: The 54th Grammy Awards. **2.00** Olympic Tickets for Sale: A Dispatches Special. (R) **2.55** 90210. (R) **3.35** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **4.15** Home of the Future. (R) **5.10** Time Team. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.05** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Build a New Life in the Country. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.15** Film: Crimes of Fashion: Hostile Makeover. (2009) **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** World's Toughest Trucker; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Police Interceptors; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Royal Marines: Mission Afghanistan. **10.00** Film: The Longest Yard. (2005) Comedy remake, starring Adam Sandler. **12.20** Soho Blues. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.20** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Wanted Down Under. (R) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Britain's Empty Homes. (R) **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Prisoners' Wives. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather; National Lottery Update. **10.35** Death Unexplained. **11.20** Neighbourhood Watched. (R) **12.05** Film: Titanic Town. (1998) Fact-based drama, starring Julie Walters. **1.40** Weatherview. **1.45** Sign Zone: The Hunt for the Higgs: A Horizon Special. (R) **2.45** Inside Men. (R) **3.45** Nature's Miracle Babies. (R) **4.45** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.35** Film: That Darn Cat! (1965) Disney comedy, starring Hayley Mills. **1.30** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Perfection. (R) **5.15** Antiques Road Trip. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Britain's Heritage Heroes. **7.00** Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. (R) **8.00** Alex Polizzi: The Fixer. **9.00** How to Grow a Planet. **10.00** Have I Got Old News for You. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Rubicon. **12.05** Rubicon. **12.50** BBC News. **3.05** Close. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R) **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** River Monsters. **8.00** The Exit List. **9.00** The Biggest Loser. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Benidorm. (R) **11.35** The Cube. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.05** Crossing Jordan. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.05** Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Secret Millionaire USA. (R) **9.55** Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) **11.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. (R) **12.10** Country House Rescue. (R) **1.10** Film: Doctor in Clover. (1966) Medical comedy, starring Leslie Phillips. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal: 80s Love Mix. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Coach Trip. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Gok's Teens: The Naked Truth. **9.00** Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. **10.00** Shameless. **11.05** Desperate Housewives. **12.05** Random Acts. **12.10** Poker. **1.10** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. **1.35** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **2.00** Volleyball. **2.55** Late Night Poker. (R) **3.55** Best of British. (R) **4.50** That Paralympic Show. (R) **5.15** Full Metal Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.05** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Build a New Life in the Country. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. (R) **3.10** The Family Recipe. (R) **3.15** Film: Earthstorm. (2006) A demolitions expert is sent to stop the moon from breaking apart and causing devastation for all life on Earth. Sci-fi adventure, starring Stephen Baldwin and Dirk Benedict. **5.00** 5 News at 5. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Police Interceptors. A drunk driver crushes one of the team's favourite cars; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Saving Private Ryan: The True Story; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Body of Proof. **9.55** CSI: NY. (R) **10.55** CSI: Miami. (R) **11.50** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **12.45** Forensic Files. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.15** Wanted Down Under Revisited. (R) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. **11.00** Britain's Empty Homes. (R) **11.30** Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.30** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Doctors. **2.15** Escape to the Country. **3.00** BBC News; Weather; Regional News. **3.05** CBBC. **5.15** Pointless. **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **7.00** The One Show. **7.30** Rip Off Britain; BBC News; Regional News. **8.00** Britain's Favourite Supermarket Foods. **9.00** MasterChef. **10.00** BBC News. **10.25** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.45** Kevin Bridges What's the Story? **11.15** Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman; National Lottery Update. **11.55** Film: Frozen River. (2008) **1.25** Weatherview. **1.30** Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) **2.00** The Night Watch. (R) **3.30** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **4.15** Rip Off Britain. (R) **4.45** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.30** Film: Russkies. (1987) **1.00** See Hear. **1.30** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.30** Perfection. (R) **5.15** Antiques Road Trip. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Britain's Heritage Heroes. **7.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **8.00** Bees, Butterflies and Blooms. **9.00** Versailles. **9.50** Coast. **10.00** Roger & Val Have Just Got In. **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Film: Out of the Ashes. (2010) **12.45** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R) **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Live UEFA Champions League. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** UEFA Champions League: Extra Time. **11.35** Kidnap and Ransom. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Film: The Alamo. (1960) **5.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Secret Millionaire USA. (R) **9.55** Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) **11.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Country House Rescue. (R) **1.05** Film: Ladies in Lavender. (2004) **3.05** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Danielle Brown – Part Two. (R) **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal: 80s Love Mix. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Coach Trip. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Daddy Daycare. **9.00** One Born Every Minute. **10.00** 10 O'Clock Live. **10.55** Random Acts. **11.05** The Inbetweeners. (R) **11.35** The Inbetweeners. (R) **12.05** Music on 4: Mark Ronson: The Beat. **12.40** Music on 4: Countdown to the NME Awards 2012. **12.55** Music on 4: Album Chart Show Introduces: Azari & III. **1.05** Music on 4: Album Chart Show Spotlight. **1.20** Music on 4: 4Play: Lanterns on the Lake. **1.35** Music on 4: Professor Green Unseen: After Hours. (R) **2.00** Music on 4: Matt Cardle: The Album Chart Show Special. (R) **2.25** Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road. (R) **3.10** 90210. (R) **3.50** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **4.30** Time Team. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.05** 5 News. **12.15** Build a New Life in the Country. **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: NY. **3.15** Film: The Reading Room. (2005) **5.00** 5 News. **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** 5 News at 6.30. **7.00** Cowboy Builders; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** Benidorm ER; 5 News. **9.00** NCIS. **10.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. **10.55** Law & Order: SVU. **11.50** Poker: The Big Game. **12.50** Inside Hollywood. **1.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** House Doctor. **4.25** Wildlife SOS. **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge.

Thursday

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BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.30** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **11.50** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.10** Film: Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella. (1997) Fairy-tale musical romance, starring Brandy. **1.30** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Perfection. (R) **5.15** Antiques Road Trip. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Britain's Heritage Heroes. **7.00** Top Gear. (R) **8.00** Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. **9.00** A Dad Is Born – A Wonderland Film. **10.00** James May's Things You Need to Know. (R) **10.30** Newsnight; Weather. **11.20** Toughest Place to Be a Train Driver. (R) **12.20** An Island Parish. (R) **12.50** BBC News. **4.00** BBC Learning Zone.

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Channel 4 **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freshly Squeezed. **7.30** According to Jim. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** The Secret Millionaire USA. (R) **9.55** Relocation, Relocation. (R) **11.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. (R) **12.15** Country House Rescue. (R) **1.20** Film: Courage of Lassie. (1946) Family drama, starring Elizabeth Taylor. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal: 80s Love Mix. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Coach Trip. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.55** 4thought.tv. **8.00** Location, Location, Location. Catching up with first-time buyers in the Cotswolds and London. **9.00** The Restoration Man. **10.00** Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. (R) **11.05** The Wedding Proposal. (R) **12.10** Random Acts. **12.15** Gok's Teens: The Naked Truth. (R) **1.10** Embarrassing Bodies. (R) **2.05** Film: Knights of the South Bronx. (2005) Fact-based drama, starring Ted Danson. **3.35** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **4.20** Time Team. (R) **5.15** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: David Smith – Part Two. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

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BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** CBeebies. **11.30** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **11.50** The Pink Panther Show. (R) **12.10** Film: When Zachary Beaver Came to Town. (2003) Family drama, starring Sasha Neulinger. **1.30** To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) **2.15** Weakest Link. **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Perfection. (R) **5.15** Antiques Road Trip. **6.00** Eggheads. **6.30** Britain's Heritage Heroes. **7.00** Live Cycling. The Track Cycling World Cup Classics event from London. **8.00** Mastermind. **8.30** Mastermind. **9.00** Baka: A Cry from the Rainforest. **10.30** Newsnight. **11.20** The Review Show. **12.00** Weather. **12.05** Baka: People of the Rainforest. (R) **1.50** Film: The Leather Boys. (1964) Drama, with Rita Tushingham. **3.35** Close.

ITV1 **6.00** Daybreak. **8.30** Lorraine. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.30** This Morning. **12.30** Loose Women. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Regional News; Weather. **2.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. **3.00** The Alan Titchmarsh Show. **3.59** Regional Weather. **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R) **6.00** Regional News; Weather. **6.30** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** Safari Vet School. **8.30** Coronation Street. **9.00** Law & Order: UK. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.30** Regional News; Weather. **10.35** Film: Hot Fuzz. (2007) Action comedy, starring Simon Pegg. **12.45** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.45** Film: DOA: Dead or Alive. (2006) Action adventure, starring Jaime Pressly. **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.05** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Freshly Squeezed. **7.35** According to Jim. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** The Secret Millionaire USA. (R) **9.55** Relocation, Relocation. (R) **11.00** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. **12.00** Channel 4 News Summary. **12.05** River Cottage Bites. (R) **12.10** Country House Rescue. (R) **1.15** Film: Cry Havoc. (1943) Second World War drama, starring Margaret Sullavan. **3.10** Countdown. **4.00** Deal or No Deal: 80s Love Mix. **5.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.30** Coach Trip. **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.30** 4thought.tv. **7.35** Come Dine with Me. **8.30** New Girl. **9.00** The Bank Job. **10.00** The Mad Bad Ad Show. **10.50** Rude Tube: Ultimate Stunts. (R) **11.55** 10 O'Clock Live. (R) **12.50** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Mandip Sehmi – Part Two. (R) **12.55** Film: Hustle & Flow. (2005) Hip-hop drama, with Terrence Howard. **2.55** Random Acts. **3.00** My Name Is Earl. (R) **3.25** Hung. (R) **4.25** Mesh. (R) **4.35** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **9.15** The Wright Stuff. **11.10** LIVE with Gabby. **12.05** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.15** Build a New Life in the Country. (R) **1.15** Home and Away. **1.45** Neighbours. **2.15** CSI: Miami. (R) **3.15** Film: Out of the Woods. (2005) Drama, starring Jason London. **5.00** Neighbours. (R) **5.30** Neighbours. (R) **6.00** Home and Away. (R) **6.30** Home and Away. (R) **6.55** Inside Hollywood. (R) **7.00** Royal Navy: Caribbean Patrol; (R) 5 News Update. **8.00** World's Toughest Trucker; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Mentalist. **9.55** NCIS. (R) **10.55** NCIS. (R) **11.50** Inside Hollywood. (R) **12.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Motorsport Mundial. **4.25** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Little room in the Greek style (5)
4. Male, but subject to change (7)
8. Suitable food for a stag-party? (7)
9. What the victims of disaster have come to (5)
10. Regretted being uncivil by the sound of it (4)
11. He's willing (8)
13. See 23 Across
14. To give ground for what is planted, we hear (4)
16. They are heated by the current weather (8)
17. The beginnings of every poem involving chivalry will be! (4)
20. What happened to part of the meat entree (5)
21. Mete out punishment for Charles X (7)
22. Is stay due to be rearranged at this particular time? (7)
23 & 13 Ac. A mount to gamble on - the jockey's on this presumably (9)

Down

1. Notice I'd even matters out! (13)
2. A bit strained in some grammatical application? (5)
3. Drop all the players! (4)
4. Acted as a custodian, but objected (6)
5. How people unite to capture the girl (8)
6. Fifty in wild tribes show angry resistance (7)
7. A distinctive quality of champagne (13)
12. Intended for public show, but covered up (8)
13. Have regular inspirations (7)
15. Describing the situation of those in a jam? (6)
18. The name that disheartens the petty-officer! (5)
19. Frustrate a quick movement (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Fast (5)
4. Feign (7)
8. Anguish (7)
9. Accumulate (5)
10. Finished (4)
11. Admixture (8)
13. Cut into small pieces (4)
14. Daze (4)
16. Plot (8)
17. Story (4)
20. Angry (5)
21. Relevant (7)
22. Ingredient (7)
23. Extract by force (5)

Down

1. Looking back (13)
2. Professional boxer's prize (5)
3. Judge (4)
4. Powerful (6)
5. Clear out of (8)
6. High spirits (7)
7. Separation (13)
12. To finish (8)
13. Hollow (7)
15. Shining (6)
18. Proverb (5)
19. Increase (4)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Starboard; 8 Wave; 9 Knowledge; 10 Sortie; 11 Adder; 14 Raise; 15 Dene; 16 Stilt; 18 Cell; 20 April; 21 Sedan; 24 Flaunt; 25 Tearfully; 26 Isle; 27 Plasterer. Down: 1 Awe-struck; 2 Overfills; 4 Tone; 5 Rowed; 6 Obeyed; 7 Rage; 9 Kites; 11 Alien; 12 Retrousse; 13 Realities; 17 Tally; 19 Learns; 22 Abuse; 23 Deal; 24 Flee. QUICK - Across: 3 Accompany; 8 Earn; 9 Sovereign; 10 Accent; 11 Raise; 14 Halve; 15 Even; 16 Reaps; 18 None; 20 Torso; 21 Tardy; 24 Carbon; 25 Continual; 26 Edge; 27 Retrieves. Down: 1 Megaphone; 2 Truculent; 4 Coot; 5 Opera; 6 Please; 7 Nigh; 9 Sneer; 11 Ready; 12 Everybody; 13 Encounter; 17 Steal; 19 Easter; 22 Dense; 23 Zone; 24 Care.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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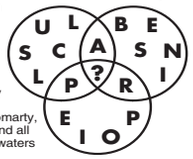
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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There is also an electric hob and oven with extractor fan above and a door to the garage.

On the first floor are two bedrooms and a bathroom with white suite comprising of panelled bath, WC and pedestal wash hand basin.

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★ Two reception rooms
★ Central heating / Double glazing
★ Driveway
£800 pcm

BEDFORD STREET, WEST BROMWICH

★ Three bedroom detached
★ En-suite
★ Central heating / Double glazing
★ Driveway and garage
£660 pcm

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★ En-suite
★ Central heating / Double glazing
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★ Three bedroom detached
★ En-suite
★ Central heating / Double glazing
★ Driveway and garage
£650 pcm

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★ En-suite
★ Central heating / Double glazed
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★ Three bedroom semi-detached
★ Through lounge
★ Central heating / Double glazed
★ Driveway
£525pcm

MELBOURNE CLOSE, WEST BROMWICH

★ Three bedroom semi-detcahed
★ Through lounge
★ Double glazed
★ Gas central heating
£525 pcm

OAK ROAD, WEST BROMWICH

★ Three bedroom mid-terraced
★ Two reception rooms
★ Double glazing
★ Gas central heating
£500 pcm

BEDFORD STREET, BILSTON

★ Three bedroom semi-detached
★ Through lounge
★ Double glazing / gas central heating
★ Driveway
£525 pcm

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Lot No.	Address	Tenure	Guide Price
1	11 KITCHENER ROAD, SELLY PARK, BIRMINGHAM, B29 7QE	Freehold Vacant Residential	78,000 - 82,000
2	8 LEACROFT AVENUE, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV10 9BE	Freehold Residential Investment	50,000 - 55,000
3	179 ALDRIDGE ROAD, PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM, B42 2EY	Freehold Vacant Residential	80,000 - 88,000
4	70 SMESTOW STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV10 9AB	Freehold Residential Investment	50,000 - 55,000
5	FLAT 3, 71 WEDGEWOOD ROAD, QUINTON, BIRMINGHAM, B32 1LP	Leasehold Vacant Residential	35,000 - PLUS
6	167 BORDESLEY GREEN EAST, BORDESLEY GREEN, BIRMINGHAM, B9 5SR	Freehold Commercial	50,000 - 55,000
7	22 ELMDON ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV10 6XJ	Freehold Vacant Residential	65,000 - 69,000
8	25 BRIDGEFIELD WALK, ROWLEY REGIS, WEST MIDLANDS, B65 8PH	Freehold Vacant Residential	45,000 - 50,000
9	40 WEBBCROFT ROAD, STECHFORD, BIRMINGHAM, B33 9BY	Freehold Vacant Residential	60,000 - 67,000
10	59 GRANGE FARM DRIVE, WEST HEATH, BIRMINGHAM, B38 8EQ	Freehold Vacant Residential	55,000 - 59,000
11	8 NEW STREET, TIPTON, WEST MIDLANDS, DY4 8PD	Freehold Vacant Residential	54,000 - 58,000
12	80 OAKWOOD ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS, B67 6BU	Freehold Vacant Residential	58,000 - 65,000
13	LAND REAR OF BLUE ROCK PLACE (OFF IVY HOUSE ROAD)	Freehold Freehold Land	8,000 - 10,000
14	9 WODEN ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV10 0AU	Freehold Vacant Residential	45,000 - 50,000
15	1 SHILLCOCK GROVE, B'HAM, B19 3NZ. 47 BREARLEY STREET, BIRMINGHAM, B19 3NZ	Freehold Vacant Commercial	140,000 - 160,000
16	97 REED STREET, BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE, BB11 3DW	Leasehold Vacant Residential	18,000 - 22,000
17	83 ADDISON ROAD, KINGS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM, B14 7EN	Freehold Vacant Residential	140,000 - 150,000
18	22 PARK STREET, DARLASTON, WEDNESBURY, WEST MIDLANDS, WS10 8PX	Freehold Vacant Residential	63,000 - 67,000
19	ALSAGER WORKS, SUTHERLAND ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 1HH	Freehold Vacant Commercial	150,000 - PLUS
20	THE DENTAL SURGERY 279 ALCESTER ROAD, HOLLYWOOD, BIRMINGHAM, B47 5HJ	Freehold Vacant Commercial	140,000 - 148,000
21	15 PINKNEY PLACE, OLDBURY, WEST MIDLANDS, B68 9PE	Freehold Vacant Residential	72,000 - 80,000
22	56 WELLESLEY ROAD, OLDBURY, WEST MIDLANDS, B68 8RZ	Freehold Residential Investment	63,000 - 67,000
23	187 GREAT ARTHUR STREET, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS, B66 1DG	Freehold Vacant Residential	60,000 - PLUS
24	6 PETWORTH CLOSE, WILLENHALL, WEST MIDLANDS, WV13 3EE	Freehold Vacant Residential	65,000 - 69,000
25	LANGABEER FARM, ALCESTER ROAD, WYTHALL, BIRMINGHAM, B47 6AP	Freehold Vacant Residential	350,000 - 380,000
26	2 EMERY STREET, WALSALL, WS1 3AJ	Freehold Vacant Residential	135,000 - 145,000
27	39 ENDWOOD COURT ROAD, HANDSWORTH WOOD, BIRMINGHAM, B20 2RX	Freehold Vacant Residential	170,000 - 180,000
28	110 BRUNSWICK PARK ROAD, WEDNESBURY, WEST MIDLANDS, WS10 9QR	Freehold Vacant Residential	60,000 - 67,000
29	411 GILLOTT ROAD, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM, B16 9LL	Freehold Residential Investment	210,000 - 230,000
30	PLOT 3 MAJOR STREET/DIXON STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV2 2BE	Freehold Land with Potential	75,000 - PLUS
31	PLOT 4 MAJOR STREET/DIXON STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV2 2BE	Freehold Land with Potential	100,000 - PLUS
32	LAND 203 - 205 STONEY STANTON ROAD, HILLFIELDS, COVENTRY, CV1 4FT	Freehold Freehold Land	50,000 - PLUS
33	LAND REAR OF 11A CROMWELL STREET, COVENTRY, CV6 5EY	Freehold Freehold Land	15,000 - 20,000
34	LAND ADJ 312 WESTWOOD HEATH ROAD, COVENTRY, CV4 8GP	Freehold Freehold Land	100,000 - PLUS
35	LAND OPPOSITE 16 & 18 ST JAMES LANE, COVENTRY, CV3 3GT	Freehold Freehold Land	45,000 - 50,000
36	44 WHITTLEFORD ROAD, NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE, CV10 9HU	Freehold Residential Investment	220,000 - 240,000
37	FLAT 20, SCHOOL LOFTS, CECIL STREET, WALSALL, WS4 2BF	Leasehold Vacant Residential	88,000 - 94,000
38	THE BRIDGE INN, 91 STATION ROAD, LANGLEY, WEST MIDLANDS, B69 4LU	Freehold Vacant Residential	130,000 - 145,000
39	LAND SOUTH OF 18 - 24 LYE CROSS ROAD, ROWLEY REGIS -REF:LAND 24K	Freehold Freehold Land	2,000 - PLUS
40	50 HILTON ROAD, WILLENHALL, WEST MIDLANDS, WV12 5XE	Freehold Vacant Residential	65,000 - PLUS
41	238 COLLEGE ROAD, GREAT BARR, BIRMINGHAM, B44 8HE	Freehold Vacant Residential	98,000 - 106,000
42	410/410A BEARWOOD ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS, B66 4EX	Freehold Commercial Investment	75,000 - 85,000
43	412/412A BEARWOOD ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS, B66 4EX	Freehold Commercial Investment	75,000 - 85,000
44	414 BEARWOOD ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS, B66 4EU	Freehold Commercial Investment	75,000 - 85,000
45	476 BEARWOOD ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS, B66 4HA	Freehold Commercial Investment	75,000 - 85,000
46	53 CAPETHORN ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS, B66 4LY	Freehold Commercial Investment	10,000 - 15,000
47	2A ELLIOTT ROAD, SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM, B29 6LA	Freehold Commercial Investment	185,000 - 200,000
48	67 ROWOOD DRIVE, SOLIHULL, WEST MIDLANDS, B92 9NG	Leasehold Vacant Commercial	50,000 - 60,000
49	UNIT 10L BUNTSFORD BUSINESS PARK, BUNTSFORD PARK ROAD, BROMSGRO B60 3DX	Freehold Vacant Commercial	90,000 - 98,000 + VAT
50	369 STRATFORD ROAD, SPARKHILL, BIRMINGHAM, B11 4JY	Freehold Commercial Investment	SOLD PRIOR
51	UNIT 3 OAK COURT, PILGRIMS WALK, PROLOGIS PARK, COVENTRY, CV6 4QH	Leasehold Vacant Commercial	250,000 - PLUS + VAT
52	39 BRAEMAR DRIVE, ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM, B23 7HW	Freehold Vacant Residential	110,000 - 115,000
53	296 - 298 GRAVELLY LANE, ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM, B23 5SB	Freehold Vacant Residential	300,000 - 320,000
54	21 LIME STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV3 0EY	Freehold Vacant Residential	55,000 - 60,000
55	UNIT 9, PLOT 3, WALSALL ENTERPRISE PARK, WALSALL, WS2 9HQ	Leasehold Vacant Commercial	70,000 - 80,000 + VAT
56	SPORTS & CRICKET GROUND, DROITWICH ROAD, WORCESTER, WR3 7SW	Freehold Freehold Land	110,000 - 120,000
57	THE OLD CROWN, 9 SHEEPWASH LANE, TIPTON, WEST MIDLANDS, DY4 7JF	Freehold Public Houses	90,000 - 110,000
58	53 CARTLAND ROAD, SPARKBROOK, BIRMINGHAM, B11 1EQ	Freehold Vacant Residential	95,000 - 99,000
59	LAND ADJACENT TO WEST MIDLANDS HOUSE, GIPSY LANE, WILLENHALL, WV13 2HA	Freehold Freehold Land	50,000 - PLUS
60	217 - 219 CHERRYWOOD ROAD, BORDESLEY GREEN, BIRMINGHAM, B9 4XD	Freehold Ground Rents	10,000 - PLUS
61	FGR 1 SHAKESPEARE CLOSE, CALDICOT, GWENT, NP26 4LN	Freehold Ground Rents	3,000 - 3,500
62	FGR 5 SHAKESPEARE CLOSE, CALDICOT, GWENT, NP26 4LN	Freehold Ground Rents	3,000 - 3,500
63	FGR 7 SHAKESPEARE CLOSE, CALDICOT, GWENT, NP26 4LN	Freehold Ground Rents	3,000 - 3,500
64	FGR 14 TENNYSON CLOSE, CALDICOT, GWENT, NP26 4LL	Freehold Ground Rents	3,000 - 3,500
65	FGR 31 WOODSTOCK WAY, CALDICOT, GWENT, NP26 5DB	Freehold Ground Rents	3,000 - 3,500
66	LAND NORTH OF 58 - 58 MIDHILL DRIVE, ROWLEY REGIS - REF: LAND 12A	Freehold Freehold Land	3,000 - PLUS
67	49 SOMERSET ROAD, HANDSWORTH WOOD, BIRMINGHAM, B20 2JE	Freehold Vacant Residential	250,000 - 265,000
68	71 MARKET STREET, STOURBRIDGE, WEST MIDLANDS, DY8 1AQ	Freehold Commercial Investment	100,000 - 110,000
69	23 WORCESTER STREET, KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE, DY10 1ED	Freehold Vacant Commercial	135,000 - 145,000
70	105 SPRINGFIELD ROAD, BRIERLEY HILL, WEST MIDLANDS, DY5 3RH	Freehold Vacant Residential	65,000 - 69,000
71	58 BRIDGE HOUSE, WATERSIDE, SHIRLEY, SOLIHULL, WEST MIDLANDS, B90 1UD	Leasehold Commercial	70,000 - 80,000
72	14 CLIFFORD ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS, B67 5HJ	Freehold Residential Investment	85,000 - 90,000
73	9 CLIFFORD ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS, B67 5HJ	Freehold Residential Investment	70,000 - 78,000
74	143 COLLEGE ROAD, MOSELEY, BIRMINGHAM, B13 9LJ	Freehold Residential Investment	120,000 - 130,000
75	BOMBAY PALACE, DUDLESTON HEATH, ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE, SY12 9JY	Freehold Commercial Investment	150,000 - 170,000
76	SEAGAR STREET SERVICE STATION, 26 SEAGAR STREET, WEST BROMWICH, B71 4AN	Freehold Commercial Investment	50,000 - 58,000
77	2B LOCKWOOD ROAD, NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM, B31 1PZ	Freehold Vacant Residential	90,000 - 97,000
78	17 BAYFORD AVENUE, NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM, B31 4NW	Freehold Vacant Residential	60,000 - 65,000
79	2 DARTMOUTH CRESCENT, BILSTON, WEST MIDLANDS, WV14 7AZ	Freehold Vacant Residential	54,000 - 58,000
80	45 CLARENDON STREET, EARLSDON, COVENTRY, CV5 6EW	Leasehold Vacant Residential	70,000 - 77,000
81	12 DADFORD VIEW, BRIERLEY HILL, WEST MIDLANDS, DY5 3TX	Freehold Vacant Residential	45,000 - 50,000
82	101 PELHAM ROAD, WARD END, BIRMINGHAM, B8 2PB	Freehold Vacant Residential	70,000 - 78,000
83	194 GRACEMERE CRESCENT, HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM, B28 0UD	Freehold Vacant Residential	90,000 - 98,000
84	64 COLE VALLEY ROAD, HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM, B28 0DF	Freehold Vacant Residential	150,000 - 160,000

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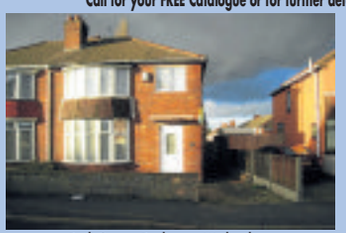

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Apprentice gets Lyng opportunity

LEADING housebuilder Barratt West Midlands has an extra pair of hands in the sales office at The Lyng development in West Bromwich thanks to apprentice Craig Doleman.

This addition to the team at the Lyttleton development is helping sales advisers Helen Coates, Tony Dinn and Lucy Turner with their work.

Craig, 17, who lives in Tipton, is now studying towards his NVQ Level 2 in Business and Administration at Future Skills College.

He said: "The apprenticeship combined with time at college is great because I can earn whilst I'm learning.

"After I have my certificate for this NVQ I want to go on to the NVQ Level 3 course in Customer Service. I really enjoy working in the sales office because I get to meet the customers and build a relationship with them. The sales advisers Helen, Tony and Lucy are great too and they are really helping me to develop my admin and customer relations skills.

"The Lyng is a very pleasant development to work at because it's located in an attractive area and the local people are very friendly."

Employment

Craig has been able to do his apprenticeship with Barratt Homes through Think Local Construction, provided by Sandwell Counci's economic regeneration and skills division. It has been linking local people to employment in the construction industry since 1997.

Elle Price, Youth Employment and Apprenticeship Advisor who mentors and supports Craig said: "Craig is completing a full NVQ in Business Administration provided by the c ouncil's Future Skills Sandwell, and doing extremely well. Barratt staff have been in full praise of Craig's work and performance and feel he's been a great asset to the team".

Katie Yates, Sales Manager for Barratt West Midlands said: "Apprenticeships are essential to business and it is great to see a student such as Craig who really is eager and enthusiastic to learn. He is a true asset to the company."

The Lyng offers a two-bedroom apartment priced from £111,950 and two- and three-bedroom houses priced from £133,950.

For more information call the sales office on 0121 553 0419 open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Or call the sales hotline on 0844 811 9933 open seven days a week from 8am to 9pm.

Online go to the websites at:

www.barratthomes.co.uk/thelyng or visit www.thelyngalive.co.uk/

Apprentice Craig Doleman at the front with, from left, Barratt Sales Adviser Tony Dinn, Youth Employment and Apprenticeship Advisor Elle Price and Barratt Sales Adviser Lucy Turner, outside The Lyng sales office in West Bromwich

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Ground floor spacious 2 bedroom flat, spacious lounge, centralheated and double glazed. allocated parking. available part furnished or unfurnished. Must be viewed. £450

WEST BROMWICH PRINCESGATE — NEW
modern 2 bedroom ground floor apartment, newly decorated, fitted wardrobes. storage heaters and double glazed windows. allocated parking. Available unfurnished. £525

WEST BROMWICH PEARSON STREET
3 bedroom spacious property, 2 reception rooms, central heated, situated in caters green area. Available unfurnished. DHSS WELCOME £525

WEST BROMWICH GRAFTON ROAD — LET
3 bedroom semi-detached property situated near sandwell hospital. 2 reception rooms. central heated and double glazed. first floor bathroom. unfurnished £500

TIPTON EDWARD FISHER DRIVE — LET
Modern 2 bedroom property, spacious lounge, master bedroom with ensuite, central heated and double glazed, off road parking. Unfurnished £525

WEST BROMWICH MONTGOMERY WALK — LET
2 bedroom spacious first floor flat, situated near sandwell hospitall and fire station. double glazed windows. unfurnished. communial carpark £425

WEST BROMWICH HALLAM STREET — APPLICATION IN
2 bedroom property, spacious reception room, kitchen and dining space ch and dg, first floor bathroom, available fully furnished. near sandwell hospital DHSS WELCOME £475

WEST BROMWICH ST.KENELMS — LET
2 bedroom spacious bunglow situated in sandwell valley. spacious lounge, kitchen. warm air heating, double glazed. rear garden. garage. Must be viewed £625

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Well presented 3 bedroom semi-detached property, 2 large reception rooms, good size kitchen. ch and dg. Downstairs w.c and upstairs bathroom + seperate w.c. off road parking. unfurnished. must be viewed £600

WEST BROMWICH CRANBOURNE PLACE — LET
3 bed semi-detached property, spacious lounge. central heated and double glazed. conservatory. off road parking. £500

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Modern 2 bed apartment spacious lounge, fitted kitchen and bathroom. storage heating, DG unfurnished. Allocated parking £500

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Spacious 2 bedroom Bunglow, reception room, newly refurbished. Central heated and double glazed. large rear garden. off road parking. unfurnished. £525

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one bedroom flat comprising of reception room, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. double glazed windows. available unfurnished £385

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Buttery Road
A thoughtfully improved, deceptively spacious, 3 bedroomed traditional style DETACHED property occupying a pleasant position within this convenient neighbourhood, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Porch, entrance hall, attractive lounge, dining room opening to fitted kitchen area (with oven/hob), garden room, useful side store (having downstairs shower room off), 3 bedrooms, bathroom, and pleasant rear garden. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345
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Offers around £145,000

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Holly Lane
An opportunity to acquire a spacious, well presented 3 bedroomed Semi detached property with delightrful outlook from the front towards local park, having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule (with downstairs w.c., off), delightful spacious lounge, fitted dining kitchen (having oven/hob), 3 bedrooms, bathroom and pleasant rear garden. Viewing essential to fully appreciate the superb accommodation on offer. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345
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BEARWOOD — NO UPWARD CHAIN
Loxley Road
A deceptively spacious, well proportioned 2 bedroomed intermediate terraced property occupying a pleasant position within this popular neighbourhood conveneint for local shopping facilities within Bearwood Town Centre, having double glazing and briefly comprising :- Porch, Entrance hall, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, 2 good sized bedrooms, spacious bathroom and pleasant rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL, NO UPWARD CHAIN. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345
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An opportunity to acquire a spacious, modern, delightfully presented double bedroomed ground floor apartment conveniently situated for local amenities and facilities, having double glazing, approached via a communal entrance and briefly comprising :- Entrance hall, delightful spacious open plan lounge and kitchen area (with integral oven/hob, fridge/freezer and integrated washer/dryer), good sized double bedroom (having built in wardrobes), attractive bathroom, communal garden and allocated/visitor parking (set behind communal electric gates). VIEWING ESSENTIAL. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345
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Beeches Road
A deceptively spacious, well proportioned, 3 bedroomed end terraced property having gas radiator heating, double glazing and briefly comprising :- Entrance vestibule, attractive lounge, breakfast kitchen, rear verandah/vestibule (with w.c., off), 3 bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and pleasant good sized rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BEARWOOD OFFICE 0121 434 4345
Offers around £104,950

TIPTON
Waterloo Street
NO UPWARD CHAIN. A traditional, freehold semi detached WITH POTENTIAL (possible extension/garage space to side - not verified) set within reasonable walking distance of Tipton town centre & all associated amenities, bus/rail transport routes, etc. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with bay, enlarged L-shaped kitchen, verandah, two bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, possible garage space. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
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17 Collins Close

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* 3 bedrooms
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* bathroom and separate shower room
* gas boiler/radiator heating
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The Vicarage
15 St Marks Road

* Large detached family home
* 5 bedrooms
* upvc double glazing to most windows
* 3 reception rooms
* gas boiler/radiator heating system
* garage

Monthly rent of £625

CRADLEY HEATH

84 Lawrence Lane

* Good sized family home
* 3 bedrooms (1 with eb suite shower room)
* upvc double glazing to most windows
* 2 living rooms
* gas boiler radiater heating
* house bathroom

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Spies Lane

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* extended to side and rear
* kitchen/breakfast room
* five bedrooms
* day room

Offers in the region of £275,000

OLDBURY

Wolverhampton Road

* Extended family house
* Master bedroom with ensuite
* Three further bedrooms
* Good sized rear garden
* Through lounge
* No upward chain

Offers in the region of £245,950

OLDBURY

Oak Road

* Much improved throughout
* Master bedroom with ensuite
* Two further bedrooms
* Breakfast kitchen * Utility
* Good sized garden
* No upward chain

Offers in the region of £219,950

HALESOWEN

Ombersley Road

* Extended semi detached
* Spacious flexible accommodation
* 3 first floor bedrooms
* Ground floor bed 4 potential
* Open plan living room
* Ground floor shower room

Offers in the region of £199,950

STOURBRIDGE Wollescote

Springfield Avenue Longmoor

* Modern semi-detached house
* 2 bedrooms (1 with fitted wardrobes)
* Fitted kitchen with oven,hob,hood & fridge
* Modern bathroom suite with shower
* Sliding door from living room to patio * Garden with shed
* GCH & DG windows

Monthly rent of £525

STOURBRIDGE Wollescote

4D Wassell Road

* Modern 1st floor apartment
* Two bedrooms
* Open plan lounge & stylish fitted kitchen
* Kitchen with hob, oven & extract hood
* Gas central heating & DG windows
* Off road parking * Available now!

Monthly rent of £435

HALESOWEN

160B Coombs Road

* Self contained flat
* one bedroom
* upvc double glazed windows
* electric heating
* rent inclusive of water charges

Monthly rent of £395

OLDBURY

Forest Road

* Spacious traditional semi
* Four bedrooms
* Two reception rooms
* Kitchen/breakfast room
* Pleasant gardens
* Viewing recommended

Offers in the region of £199,950

CRADLEY HEATH

Kererwin Close

* Link detached house
* Corner position
* 3 bedrooms (master ensuite)
* Conservatory
* Refitted breakfast kitchen
* Planning permission for extension

Offers in the region of £189,950

BIRMINGHAM Quinton

Overdale Road

* End of terrace house
* Three bedrooms
* Living room
* Conservatory
* Refitted kitchen
* Loft room

Offers in the region of £127,500

OLDBURY

St James Road

* Semi detached bungalow
* Two bedrooms
* Lounge * Kitchen
* Bathroom * Off road parking
* General improvement required
* Great potential

Offers in the region of £90,000

CRADLEY HEATH

HADEN HILL AREA
441 Halesowen Road
Flat 9 Chartwell Grange

* First floor one bedroom flat
* Living room * Bedroom
* UPVC DG windows
* Night storage heating
* Convenient location
* Attractive communal grounds & car-parking

Monthly rent of £385

CRADLEY HEATH

35 Spinners End Drive

* Self contained 1st floor flat
* One bedroom with wardrobe
* Kitchen with oven, bob, hood & fridge
* Lounge with electric fire
* Night storage heating
* Residents parking
* Available from 1st March 2011

Monthly rent of £375

DUDLEY Tipton

11 Old Port Close

* Ground floor flat
* Unfurnished
* One Bedroom
* Allocated parking
* Electric heaters/DG windows
* View now!

Monthly rent of £375

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Lot 1	133 Anderton Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
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Lot 3	148 Burnel Road, Weoley Castle, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 4	Former Toilets at Icknield Street, Hockley, Birmingham	Development/Redevelopment
Lot 5	1148 Pershore Road, Stirchley, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 6	1 Regents Park Road, Small Heath, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 7	288 Gooch Street, Highgate, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 8	893-895 Chester Road, Erdington, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 9	Sycamore Centre, Sycamore Road, Aston, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 10	The Old Bank, 61-65 Villa Road, Handsworth, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 11	11 Freer Road, Aston, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 12	Land off Purdy Road, Tipton	Land
Lot 13	Land at 17A Station Road, Cradley Heath, Birmingham	Land
Lot 14	Land at Corner of Witton Lane & Holloway Bank, West Bromwich	Land
Lot 15	Land at Reddal Hill Road/Brook Lane, Cradley Heath, Birmingham	Land
Lot 16	43 Union Street, West Bromwich	Commercial Vacant
Lot 17	31 Vicarage Road, All Saints, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 18	15 Filey Road, Oxley, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 19	306 Station Road, Stechford, Birmingham	Residential Investment
Lot 20	197 Streetsbrook Road, Solihull	Residential Vacant
Lot 21	148 Boulton Road, Handsworth, Birmingham	Residential Investment
Lot 22	Strategic Land at Blue Rock - SL Central 97	Land
Lot 23	35 Clarendon Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	Part Residential Vacant/ Part Residential Investment
Lot 24	7 Holder Road, Yardley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 25	94 Himley Road, Dudley	Residential Vacant
Lot 26	Land at Kingsway Works, R/o 51-67 High Street, Kings Heath, Birmingham	Development/Redevelopment
Lot 27	125 Abingdon Road, Perry Common, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 28	90 Causeway Green Road, Oldbury, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 29	92 Causeway Green Road, Oldbury, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 30	102 Causeway Green Road, Oldbury, Birmingham	Residential Investment
Lot 31	27 High Street, West Bromwich	Commercial Vacant
Lot 32	26 Chudleigh Road, Erdington, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 33	Crystal Fountain, St John's Road, Cannock	Commercial Vacant
Lot 34	The Kings Head, 36 King Street, Leicester	Commercial Vacant
Lot 35	69A & 69B Aldersley Road, Wolverhampton	Part Residential Vacant/ Part Residential Investment
Lot 36	29A & 29B High Street, Alcester	Residential Investment
Lot 37	13 Beech Road, Norton, Stourbridge	Residential Vacant
Lot 38	Gothic Cottage, 14 Hickman Road, Bilston	Residential Investment
Lot 39	141 Highfield Road, Tipton	Residential Vacant
Lot 40	Lock Office, Stamp End, Lincoln	Commercial Vacant
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Lot 43	50 Albert Road, Stechford, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 44	136 Dixon Street, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 45	27 Poplar Road, Bearwood, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 46	4 Roseway, Wellington, Telford	Residential Investment
Lot 47	Land at the Woodlands, Pinxton, Nottingham	Development/Redevelopment
Lot 48	139 Pye Green Road, Cannock	Residential Vacant
Lot 49	The Hollybush Inn, Main Street, Seighford	Commercial Vacant
Lot 50	52 High Street, Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire	Commercial Investment
Lot 51	1 & 1A Lowlands Avenue, Wolverhampton	Part Residential Vacant /Part Commecial Investment
Lot 52	21 Lansbury Drive, Cannock	Residential Investment
Lot 53	302 Alum Rock Road, Saltley, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
Lot 54	6 Parkfield Grove, Parkfields, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 55	2 Taylor Road, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 56	27 Richmond Street, Walsall	Residential Vacant
Lot 57	15 Stanton Avenue, Dudley	Residential Vacant
Lot 58	6 Pond Crescent, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 59	40 North Street, Dudley	Residential Vacant
Lot 60	Land 24M Portway Hill, Tividale, Oldbury	Land
Lot 61	2 Kitchener Road, Selly Park, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 62	18 Kitchener Road, Selly Park, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 63	Unit 20 Waterside, Lock House, Dickens Heath, Solihull	Commercial Vacant
Lot 64	The Gallery, 28-30 Nottingham Road, Eastwood	Commercial Vacant
Lot 65	2 Victoria Road, Handsworth, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 66	206 Old Birchills & Former Canal Museum, Walsall	Part Residential Vacant/ Part Commercial Vacant
Lot 67	464 Moseley Road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham	Part Residential Investment/ Part Commercial Investment
Lot 68	132 Edenhurst Road, Longbridge, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 69	53 Ronald Road, Bordesley Green, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 70	13 Hampshire Road, West Bromwich	Residential Vacant
Lot 71	Water Park Lodge, Kingsbury Road, Lea Marston Sutton Coldfield	Commercial Vacant
Lot 72	10 Harrowby Drive, Tipton	Residential Vacant
Lot 73	84 Johnson Road, Cannock	Residential Investment
Lot 74	12 Botteville Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham	Residential Investment
Lot 75	131 Bell Green Road, Coventry	Residential Investment
Lot 76	12B Castle Hill, Dudley	Commercial Vacant
Lot 77	270 Newbury Lane, Oldbury, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 78	Apartment 412A Crocodile Court, Alma Street, Newtown, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 79	22 Austin Lane, Newtown, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 80	22 Porchester Street, Newtown, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 81	56 Villa Road, Lozells, Birmingham	Commercial Investment
Lot 82	39-42 Trinity Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent	Commercial Vacant
Lot 83	3 Albert Road, Aston, Birmingham	Residential Investment
Lot 84	39 Fisher Street, Wolverhampton	Residential Investment
Lot 85	32 Gipsy Lane, Willenhall	Residential Investment
Lot 86	448 Birchfield Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham	Part Residential Investment/ Part Commercial Investment
Lot 87	132 Tile Cross Road, Tile Cross, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 88	The Bungalow, Croft Lane, Gailey, Staffordshire	Residential Vacant
Lot 89	16 Westbourne Road, Handsworth, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 90	79 Tower Road, Oldbury, Birmingham	Residential Investment
Lot 91	5 Rooth Street, Wednesbury	Residential Vacant
Lot 92	15 Alexandra Road, Tipton	Residential Vacant
Lot 93	The Mossley Tavern, 95 Armitage Road, Nr Rugeley	Commercial Vacant
Lot 94	17 Doe Bank Road, Tipton	Residential Investment
Lot 95	108 Dalkeith Street, Walsall	Residential Vacant
Lot 96	149 Finchley Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 97	1 Hazel Road, Tipton	Residential Vacant
Lot 98	20 Kensington Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 99	5A Peewit Road, Evesham, Worcestershire	Residential Vacant
Lot 100	61 Tintern Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 101	61 Oakwood Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 102	67 Church Street, Darlaston	Residential Investment
Lot 103	62 Highfield Road, Blackheath	Residential Vacant
Lot 104	Strategic Land 106 at the R/o Ivy House & Wallace Road, Sandwell	Land
Lot 105	13 Mount Road, Penn, Wolverhampton	Residential Investment
Lot 106	13 Hall Green Road, West Bromwich	Residential Vacant
Lot 107	79 Dibdale Street, Dudley	Residential Vacant
Lot 108	The Old Coach House, off Green Street, Smethwick, Birmingham	Commercial Vacant
Lot 109	121 Birkenshaw Road, Great Barr, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 110	105 Kathleen Road, Yardley, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 111	60 William Cook Road, Ward End, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
Lot 112	67 Hall Street East, Darlaston	Residential Vacant
Lot 113	15 Tozer Street, Tipton	Residential Vacant
Lot 114	116 Addison Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	Residential Vacant
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A well presented traditional style two bedroom semi-detached house briefly comprising lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen and ground floor bathroom. The property also has the benefit of double glazing (where specified) gas central heating and a enclosed rear garden.

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Three Bedroom Semi Detached House in a Popular Location, Briefly comprising Lounge, conservatory, first floor bathroom with separate shower. Gated off road parking. Double glazed and gas central heating.

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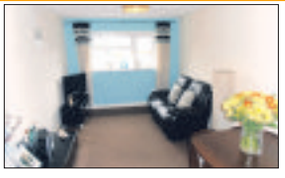

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Immaculately presented one bedroom first floor apartment. Pleasant spacious lounge, kitchen area with oven and hob. Double glazed and central heated. Large enclosed privately owned garden with productive vegetable patch. Off road parking. VACANT POSSESSION AVAILABLE

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- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN
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- ★ Viewing Via Wednesbury Office

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- ★ Well Presented Extended Traditional Semi
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- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Extended Kitchen & Utility
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- ★ Recently built detached property
- ★ Three bedrooms, master with en-suite
- ★ Two reception rooms, kitchen with fitted appliances
- ★ Guest w/c and family bathroom
- ★ Foregarden and single garage
- ★ Beautiful low maintenance rear garden

£149,950

WEDNESBURY
ST CHRISTOPHER DRIVE

- ★ Modern three bedroom detached
- ★ Lounge/diner
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified)
- ★ Two en suite shower rooms
- ★ Garage and driveway
- ★ Front and rear gardens

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WEDNESBURY HOBS ROAD

Two bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising : Lounge, fitted kitchen, spacious bathroom and landscaped rear garden. The property also has the benefit of central heating (where specified). Call 0121 505 1818 to arrange a viewing on the property.

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WEDNESBURY CHESTNUT ROAD

Well proportioned four bedroom property in a sought after location. Through lounge/diner, Re-fitted kitchen and bathroom, South facing well established rear garden. Off road parking. Viewing via Wednesbury Office.

£159,950

WEST BROMWICH
RUTLAND ROAD

- ★ This well proportioned three bedroom semi detached property
- ★ Having two receptions, double glazing gas central heating
- ★ Landscaped well tended gardens
- ★ Substantial out-building with Wc.

£117,500

WEDNESBURY CHESTNUT ROAD

Two bedroom semi detached property with first floor bathroom and ground floor annex comprising lounge, bedroom and shower room. Secure gated off road parking to front, enclosed rear garden with outbuilding, having electric skylight and pot belly stove. Double glazed and central heated.

£129,950

WEDNESBURY
ADDENBROOKE STREET

- ★ Superior Three Bedroom End Terrace Property
- ★ Two Reception Rooms
- ★ Fitted Kitchen
- ★ Family Bathroom
- ★ Gas Central Heating
- ★ Double Glazing
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- ★ Viewing Via The Agent

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GREAT BARR
★ 3 Bed Mid-Terrace ★ Lounge
★ Kitchen/Diner ★ Three Bedrooms
★ Family Bathroom ★ Large Rear Garden
★ Off Road Parking
★ Sorry NO DHSS
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THETFORD ROAD
GREAT BARR
★ 3 Bed Semi-Detached
★ Through Lounge/Diner ★ Fitted Kitchen
★ Three Bedrooms ★ Family Bathroom
★ Large double garage ★ Popular area
★ Gas central heating
★ SORRY NO DHSS
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WEST BROMWICH
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★ Downstairs W/C
★ Gas Central Heating
★ Detached Garage
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★ Lounge
★ Gas central heating
★ Off Road Parking
★ SORRY NO DHSS
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★ Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
★ Through Lounge
★ Downstairs W.C.
★ Front & Rear Gardens
★ DHSS Accepted
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★ Semi Detached
★ Lounge
★ Dining Room
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WEDNESBURY
★ Two Bedrooms
★ Semi-Detached
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WEDNESBURY
★ Three Bedrooms
★ Lounge
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★ Two Bedroom
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★ Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
★ Lounge ★Fitted Kitchen
★ Downstairs W.C.
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★ Gas Central Heating ★DHSS Accepted
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DARLASTON
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★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Three Stories
★ Front & Rear Gardens
★ DHSS ACCEPTED
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DARLASTON
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★ Large Lounge
★ Guest W/C
★ Upstairs Bathroom
★ DHSS ACCEPTED
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WEDNESBURY
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★ First Floor Flat
★ Potential Second Bedroom
★ Gas Central Heated
★ SORRY NO DHSS
£400 PCM

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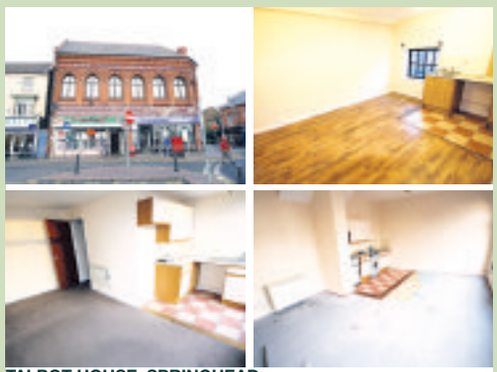
KINGSLEY STREET
★ Two Bedroom Terrace
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Kitchen ★Bathroom ★Downstairs W.C.
★ Double Glazing ★Gas Central Heating
★ DHSS ACCEPTED
£400 PCM

STATION STREET,
DARLASTON
★ Two Bedrooms
★ Upstairs Bathroom
★ Two Reception Rooms
★ Available 1st March 2012
★ DHSS ACCEPTED
£400 PCM



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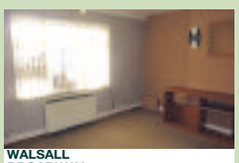

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★ 2 Bed Flat ★ Kitchen Downstairs
★ Shower Room Downstairs
★ Seperate Lounge ★ New Carpets
★ Above Shops ★ Parking to Front
★ Seperate Entrance ★ DHSS Accepted
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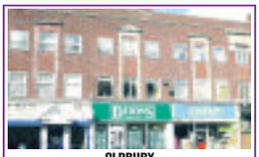
5 BED
EDGBASTON
MELVILLE ROAD
This Delightfully presented spacious three storey end of Terraced residence situated in a convenient location within Edgbaston, well placed for access to central Birmingham and the motorway networks comprising vestibule porch, reception hall, guest cloakroom, cellar, two reception rooms, extended fitted kitchen/dining room. To the first floor there are three bedrooms (Master with en-suite bathroom) and house shower room/wc. Two further bedrooms to the second floor. Property benefits from gas central heating, front and rear gardens and alarm. Internal viewing
£429,950

4 BED DETACHED
ROWLEY REGIS
PORTWAY ROAD
Well presented modern corner detached executive family residence on the exclusive Fairways development comprising: central reception hall, downstairs guest WC, spacious lounge, dining room, study room, fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms, master bedroom having en suite shower room/WC, modern family bathroom/WC, front and rear gardens, attached garage, block paved driveway, gas central heating and double glazing. Internal viewing essential.
£225,000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HAGLEY ROAD WEST
Superbly presented spacious two-storey duplex apartment conveniently located on the main Hagley Road West, Quinton. First storey comprises feature conservatory, L-shaped reception hall with built-in storage, modern style fitted kitchen, spacious attractive dining area and lounge. Second storey comprises two double bedrooms, modern style re-fitted shower room, separate wc, gas central heating, double glazing, off road parking for two cars and attractive garden having pergolas and split-level deck. Internal viewing is essential.
£116,500

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OLDBURY
EDINBURGH ROAD
Mid terraced three bedroom property in need of some modernisation comprising: reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, additional side hall, utility area, two double glazed conservatories, downstairs WC, three bedrooms, first floor bathroom/WC with separate shower, double glazing, gas central heating (where specified), rear garden, off road parking to front for two cars.
£109,950

REDUCED
NO CHAIN
OLDBURY
ASCOT CLOSE
Delightfully presented semi detached residence located just off Newbury Lane near to the junction with New Birmingham Road. Access to the M5 is just 5 minute drive away and bus stops with links to Wolverhampton,Birmingham and Merry Hill are within walking distance comprising enclosed porch, spacious lounge, kitchen diner, three bedrooms, first floor shower room/wc, front and rear gardens, off raod parking to front, car port to side, gas central heating and double glazing. Ideal for First time buyers or investment purchase.
£99,995

OLDBURY
WATERSIDE COURT, TITFORD ROAD
Superbly presented spacious third floor apartment located in the exclusive gated Waterside development on Titford Road comprising central reception hall with walk-in storage area, attractive spacious lounge, modern fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, modern bathroom/wc with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, intercom system and allocated parking space. Internal inspection is a must.
£99,995

REDUCED
NO CHAIN
TIPTON
TIVIDALE STREET
Well presented modern mid terraced residence ideal property for first time buyers or investment purchase comprising reception hall, fitted kitchen, spacious lounge, two double bedrooms, first floor bathroom/wc, rear garden, off road parking to front, double glazing, gas central heating and alarm. No upward Chain, Viewing recommended.
£89,995

TO LET
QUINTON
RIDGACRE ROAD
Delightfully presented spacious semi detached family residence located on a popular residential road in Quinton comprising: reception hall, downstairs guest WC, two reception rooms (with double opening doors between), kitchen, conservatory/utility area, three good sized bedrooms, first floor family bathroom/WC, front and rear gardens, off road parking to front, gas central heating, double glazing and alarm. Viewing is highly recommended.
£625 PCM

TO LET
HARBORNE
FERNCLIFFE ROAD
Well presented mid terraced residence located on popular residential road in Harborne comprising reception hall, spacious through lounge/dining area, modern re-fitted kitchen, storage/utility room to side, two double bedrooms, first floor bathroom/wc with shower, landing with built-in storage, double glazed, gas central heating, front and rear gardens. Property is vacant.
£600 PCM

TO LET
OLDBURY
TITFORD ROAD
Well presented unfurnished semi-detached residence conveniently located for local schools, bus routes and local Asda comprising entrance hall, two reception rooms, modern refitted kitchen, two bedroms, additional box room, modern first floor refitted bathroom/wc, front and rear gardens, double glazing and central heating. Viewing recommended.
£550 PCM

TO LET
QUINTON
WEST BOULEVARD
Traditional style terraced residence comprising porch, entrance hall, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, two double bedrooms, first floor family bathroom/wc with shower, front and rear gardens and double glazing. Viewing recommended
£550 PCM

TO LET
OLDBURY
WARLEY ROAD
Deceptively spacious unfurnished terraced residence comprising: entrance hall, spacious lounge, spacious kitchen/diner, three good sized bedrooms, first floor shower room with WC, front and rear gardens and gas central heating. DSS welcome.
£550 PCM

TO LET
OLDBURY
BRANDHALL COURT, OFF WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD
Well presented modern style unfurnished duplex apartment with rear views over Brandhall Golf Course and comprising reception hall, fitted kitchen, spacious lounge, two good sized bedrooms, bathroom/wc, storage heating and double glazing.
£525 PCM

TO LET
HALESOWEN
WRIGHT STREET
Delightfully presented character furnished terraced residence well located for local amenities and comprising attractive lounge with feature staircase, separate dining room, modern style fitted kitchen with appliances, two bedrooms, modern first floor bathroom with shower, rear garden with feature decking, gas central heating and double glazing. Please note that no beds are provided with this property. Internal viewing essential.
£525 PCM

TO LET
ROWLEY REGIS
BRICKHOUSE ROAD
Well presented traditional style semi detached residence comprising enclosed porch, reception hall, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, covered side entrance with storage room and downstairs wc, two double bedrooms (both with fitted wardrobes), first floor bathroom/wc with shower, front and rear gardens, double glazing, gas central heating. Viewing recommended.
£495 PCM

TO LET
OLDBURY
ASHWOOD CLOSE, OFF TITFORD ROAD
Modern style first floor furnished/unfurnished apartment located on the exclusive 'The Wharf development built by Belway Homes comprising reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, luxury bathroom with shower, storage heating, double glazing, security intercom system and allocated parking space. comprising reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, luxury bathroom with shower, storage heating, double glazing, security intercom system and allocated parking space.
£495 PCM

TO LET
NETHERTON
ROCK HAVEN
Delightfully presented modern first floor apartment comprising entrance hall, open plan lounge/kitchen area, two bedrooms, modern bathroom/wc (with power shower), double glazing, electric heating, parking space at rear of property and security intercom system. Viewing is highly recommended. Available now.
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WILLOW DRIVE, TIVIDALE

NEW
£84,950
★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ LOUNGE ★ KITCHEN ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ REAR GARDEN ★ CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING ★ NO CHAIN

SIMMONS DRIVE, QUINTON

WAS £105,000
£99,950
★ TWO BEDROOMS ★ MID TERRACED ★ LOUNGE ★ KITCHEN DINER ★ GUEST W.C ★ FRONT AND REAR GARDENS

KINSEY ROAD, SMETHWICK

WAS £108,000
£104,000
★ SECOND FLOOR ★ LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM ★ BALCONY ★ ALLOCATED PARKING SPACE

ASHES ROAD, OLDBURY

WAS £118,950
£114,950
★ TWO BEDROOMS ★ MID TERRACED ★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS ★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ REAR GARAGE ★ PRIVATE PARKING ★ NO CHAIN

POOL ROAD, SMETHWICK

WAS £119,950
£114,950
★ TWO BEDROOM ★ END TERRACED ★ LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN DINER ★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ POTENIAL TO EXTEND ON THE SIDE ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

VICARAGE ROAD, OLDBURY

NEW
£124,950
★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ CONSERVATORY ★ GUEST W.C ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ NO CHAIN

HALL ROAD, SMETHWICK

NEW
£139,950
★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ SEMI DETACHED ★ LOUNGE ★ RE FITTED KITCHEN ★ GUEST W.C ★ BATHROOM ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ DETACHED GARAGE

LAW CLOSE, OLDBURY

NEW
£144,950
★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ DETACHED ★ THREE RECEPTION ROOMS ★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ UTILITY ROOM ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ REAR GARDEN ★ CENTRAL HEATING ★ DOUBLE GLAZING

ADAMS BROOK DRIVE, BARTLEY GREEN

WAS £159,000
£154,000
★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ LOUNGE/DINER ★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ SIDE GARAGE ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ REAR GARDEN ★ CENTRAL HEATING ★ DOUBLE GLAZING

THRONE ROAD, ROWLEY REGIS

NEW
£155,000
★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN/DINER ★ CONSERVATORY ★ UTILITY ROOM ★ REAR GARDEN ★ CENTRAL HEATING ★ DOUBLE GLAZING ★ NO CHAIN

MANOR ROAD, SMETHWICK

WAS £179,950
£174,950
★ FOUR BEDROOMS ★ END TERRACED ★ THROUGH LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ GUEST W.C ★ EN-SUITE ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ NO CHAIN

GLYNSIDE AVENUE, QUINTON

WAS £184,950
£179,950
THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED OPEN PLAN LOUNGE FITTED KITCHEN DINER UTILITY ROOM SIDE GARAGE FRONT DRIVEWAY CENTRAL HEATING DOUBLE GLAZING

MOAT ROAD, OLDBURY

NEW
£188,000
★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ SHOWER ROOM ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ GARAGE ★ REAR GARDEN ★ CENTRAL HEATING ★ DOUBLE GLAZING

EAGLE LANE, TIPTON

NEW
£199,995
★ FOUR BEDROOMS ★ DETACHED ★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS ★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ CONSERVATORY ★ EN-SUITE ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ GARAGE ★ REAR GARDEN ★ CENTRAL HEATING

PORTLAND DRIVE, OLDBURY

NEW
£210,000
★ FOUR BEDROOM ★ DETACHED ★ CORNER PLOT ★ THREE RECEPTION ROOMS ★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ GUEST W.C ★ UTILITY ROOM ★ EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ REAR GARDEN

GIBBET HILL, TIVIDALE

WAS £324,950
£314,950
★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ SPLIT LEVEL BUNGALOW ★ LOUNGE ★ SUN LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN DINER ★ EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ GARAGE ★ FRONT AND REAR GARDENS ★ MUST BE VIEWED

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CHESHIRE ROAD, BEARWOOD

Situated in this pleasant and very popular residential neighbourhood, midway between Smethwick and Bearwood, a traditional style freehold terraced property being virtually PVC double glazed throughout with gas centrally heated accommodation to include three bedrooms, vestibule with original Minton tiled flooring, hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen and fully tiled bathroom, having the benefit of comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand.

Offers based on £109,995

Viewing Bearwood Office

7 BLEAKHOUSE ROAD, OLDBURY

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Gas centrally heated and virtually PVC double glazed throughout
- 3 bedrooms & refitted bathroom with mixer shower
- Hall, lounge, dining room and fitted kitchen
- Internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £144,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

MANOR ROAD, SMETHWICK

- Pleasantly situated with open outlook over allotments
- Traditional style freehold mid-town house
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms & bathroom
- Lounge and well fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs W.C.
- Gardens with off-street parking for two cars

Offers based on £114,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

BRANDHALL ROAD, OLDBURY

- Attractively presented, spacious & much improved accommodation
- Centrally heated and double glazed
- Adjacent land with potential for 4 one-bedroomed apartments
- Three bedrooms
- Fully tiled bathroom
- Occasional fourth bedroom/loft conversion
- Through lounge/dining room
- Kitchen and utility

Offers based on £275,000

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THIMBLEMILL RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE THIMBLEMILL ROAD, SMETHWICK, WEST MIDLANDS, B67 6NR ON WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2012 AT 6.30 pm

Anticipated Price Range

Lot 1: 119 SABELL ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 7PL
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 2 bedroomed terraced **£75-80,000**

Lot 2: 34 ROSEFIELD ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6DX
Freehold mid-terraced with 2 bedrooms but needing cosmetic improvement **£65-70,000**

Lot 3: 189 BEARWOOD ROAD, SMETHWICK B66 4LT
Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced in need of renovation **£60-70,000**

Lot 4: 5 ST. LAWRENCE HOUSE, EDGBASTON B16 9NQ
Centrally heated and double glazed 2 bedroomed first floor flat ..... **circa £70,000**

Lot 5: 57 CLAREMONT ROAD, SMETHWICK B66 4JY
Freehold 3 bedroomed mid-terraced property needing refurbishment . . **circa £80,000**

Lot 6: 1 CHESHIRE ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6DJ
Freehold centrally heated and double glazed 2 bedroomed end terraced **£75-80,000**

Lot 7: 259 PORTLAND ROAD, EDGBASTON B17 8LU
Freehold 3 bedroomed end terraced needing general improvement **£120-130,000**

Lot 8: 9 OLIVER ROAD, SMETHWICK B66 4PL
Freehold mid-terraced with 2 bedrooms needing improvement **£67,500-70,000**

Lot 9: 191 BEARWOOD ROAD, SMETHWICK B66 4LT
Freehold centrally heated 3 bedroomed terraced needing modernisation ..... **£90 -95,000**

Lot 10: 102 DIBBLE ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 7PZ
Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced needing modernisation **£60-65,000**

Lot 11: 226 BRISTNALL HALL ROAD, OLDBURY B68 9NJ
Freehold double glazed and centrally heated semi-detached needing improvement ..... **circa £80,000**

PARGETER ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Close to Warley Woods, Lightwoods Park and the main Bearwood High Street
- Recently refurbished
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom with shower compartment
- Two inter-communicating reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £139,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

HERBERT ROAD, BEARWOOD

An exceptional example of a most sympathetically improved, well presented and deceptively spacious traditional style freehold villa located in an established residential neighbourhood only fifty yards or so from Lightwoods Park and a short distance from both the main Bearwood High Street and Hagley Road, offering excellent family accommodation which is gas centrally heated and incorporates replicated double glazed windows and burglar alarm system, to include four bedrooms with master bedroom having en-suite tiled shower room, bathroom with shower, vestibule, hall, lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen and neatly laid out gardens, having a number of original features and requiring full internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £209,500

Viewing: Bearwood Office

MONMOUTH ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Substantial mid-terraced property
- Gas centrally heated and part double glazed
- Four bedrooms (one with en-suite shower room and walk-in wardrobe)
- Family bathroom
- Inter-communicating through lounge/dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Rear sitting room/playroom
- Number of original features
- Internal inspection to be appreciated

Offers based on £269,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

HAGLEY ROAD WEST, OLDBURY

- Modernised freehold traditional terraced villa
- Exceptionally convenient location with easy access to city centre
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Two living rooms, fitted kitchen and downstairs shower room with W.C.
- Two double bedrooms and refitted bathroom with shower
- Good size garden with off-street parking to the front
- Close Lightwoods Park & Warley Woods
- Ideal first time buyers or good investment opportunity

Offers based on £109,750

Viewing: Bearwood Office

THE OVAL, SMETHWICK

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms and refitted bathroom with shower
- Hall, spacious lounge and kitchen/breakfast room
- Off-street parking for two cars
- Ideally suited for first time buyers

Offers based on £124,950

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WHEATLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Hall, lounge, dining room and kitchen
- Downstairs cloakroom
- In need of cosmetic improvement

Offers based on £129,950

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HOLLY LANE, SMETHWICK

- Deceptively spacious traditional style freehold semi-detached residence
- Pleasant location adjacent to Holly Lodge & West Smethwick Park
- Gas centrally heated and double glazed
- Extended ground floor to include hall, sitting room, lounge/dining room and good size fully fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms and bathroom with shower to the first floor plus separate W.C.
- Attractive mature gardens
- Good range of day-to-day amenities to hand

Offers based on £167,950

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Derek Spires are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of **£112,000** on 75 Bleakhouse Road, Oldbury B68 0TQ

Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Derek Spires on 0121 420 4646 before exchange of contracts.

Viewing: Bearwood Office

LINCOLN ROAD, BEARWOOD

- Freehold semi-detached property
- Gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed
- Three bedrooms and shower room
- Spacious lounge and kitchen/breakfast room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Neatly laid out gardens to front and rear
- Easy access to Birmingham city centre

Offers based on £113,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

DAWSON STREET, SMETHWICK

- Freehold mid-terraced property located just off the main High Street in Bearwood
- Gas centrally heated
- Two double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Neatly laid out garden to the rear
- Ideally suited for first time buyers

Offers based on £110,000

Viewing: Bearwood Office

BROOKFIELDS ROAD, OLDBURY

This three bedroomed semi-detached residence is contained in a popular residential locality and requires full internal inspection to be appreciated. The property benefits from double glazing and gas fired central heating and briefly comprises entrance hall, open plan lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen and three bedrooms, fully tiled bathroom, detached garage, well tended garden, freehold.

Offers based on £124,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

THE MOORINGS, OLDBURY

This well presented residence is situated in a popular locality overlooking the canal, it benefits from double glazing and electric style heating and briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen area off, double bedroom, shower room, allocated parking.

Offers based on £57,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

ASCOT CLOSE, OLDBURY

Modern 3 bed extended semi close to Wolverhampton Road with double glazing offering lounge large dining kitchen shower room gardens small garage freehold.

Offers based on £114,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

BIRCHFIELD LANE, OLDBURY

Situated in quiet neighbourhood close to Oldbury town centre, this well presented traditional mid villa residence offers good accommodation with benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing, full internal inspection is highly recommended and it briefly comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, two double bedrooms, first floor bathroom, gardens, freehold.

Offers based on £92,000

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MACAULEY HOUSE, GLOVER STREET, WEST BROMWICH

- Ideal first purchase or investment
- Ground floor flat
- 2 bedrooms
- Spacious lounge
- Fully tiled shower room
- Communal gardens

Offers based on £55,000

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

TUDOR ROAD, OLDBURY

- Well presented end town house
- Three bedrooms
- Open plan lounge
- Off street parking to front
- Freehold
- Popular locality

Offers based on £109,950

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★Downstairs cloakroom & separate laundry room
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Private rear garden
★Garage and driveway parking

£695 pcm

Oldbury
Shelsley Avenue

★Four bed detached house
★GCH & DG. Downstairs WC
★Spacious lounge. Separate dining room
★Fitted kitchen. Fully alarmed
★Master bedroom en-suite with shower
★Garage & ORP

£650pcm

Bilston
Cadgwith Gardens

★Executive four bed detached
★GCH & DG. Utility room
★Spacious lounge & dining room
★Fitted kitchen.
★Master bedroom en-suite including shower
★Generous rear garden, garage & ORP

£650pcm

Bilston
Capponfield Close

★Modern three bed detached house
★Master bedroom en-suite
★Lounge & separate dining room
★Fitted kitchen, separate utility room
★DG & GCH. Garage & ORP

£595pcm

Moxley
High Street

★Spacious three bed link detached house
★GCH & DG. Kitchen with appliances
★Living room with French doors to garden
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★ORP & Garage

£595pcm

Willenhall
Marshall Road

★Three bed detached house
★GCH. Two reception rooms
★Fully fitted kitchen.
★Front & rear garden
★Garage & ORP

£550 pcm

Wednesbury
Lime Road

★Three bed semi detached house
★Spacious lounge/dining room
★Fitted kitchen
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★DG & GCH. Driveway parking

£550pcm

Tipton
Victoria Road

★Three bed semi detached house
★New GCH, DG. Upstairs & downstairs W.C's
★New fully fitted breakfast kitchen
★New family bathroom
★Front & rear gardens. Parking to rear

£525pcm

Bilston
Millcroft

★Three storey town house
★Fitted kitchen. Lounge
★Three bedrooms
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Integral garage

£525pcm

Wolverhampton
Albion Street

★Executive top floor apartment
★Two bed. Master bedroom en-suite
★Fitted kitchen with appliances
★Open plan lounge. Allocated parking
★Easy walking distance to railway & metro links

£500pcm

Willenhall
Yale Road

★Modern two bed town house
★DG & GCH. ORP
★Fitted kitchen
★Ground floor WC.
★Enclosed rear garden

£500pcm

Willenhall
Gipsy Lane

★Two bed semi detached house
★Fitted kitchen with separate utility room
★Spacious bathroom
★Additional ground floor WC.
★Two large reception rooms. ORP

£495pcm

West Bromwich
Brickhouse Lane

★Two bed semi detached house
★Recently modernised & redecorated
★Lounge, seperate dining room
★Newly fitted kitchen with utility area
★Newly fitted bathroom with shower

£485pcm

Bilston
Tadmore Close

★Modern two bed mid town house
★DG. Lounge & fitted dining kitchen
★Conservatory. ORP
★Bathroom with shower & bath
★Rear garden

£485pcm

Tipton
Sycamore Road

★Two bed semi detached house
★GCH. Alarmed
★Breakfast kitchen
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Front & rear gardens

£475pcm

Dudley
Kenilworth Court

★Modern two bed first floor apartment
★Lounge. Fully fitted kitchen
★Bathroom
★GCH.
★Communal parking
★Communal garden

£475pcm

Bilston
Bunkers Hill Lane

★Three bed semi detached
★Lounge, breakfast kitchen
★Rear lobby with shower
★DG & CH
★Off road parking

£450pcm

Tipton
Great Meadow

★One bed coach house
★Fully fitted kitchen. DG & CH
★Spacious lounge. Alarmed
★Private rear garden
★Garage

£450pcm

Tipton
Grace Road

★Two bed ground floor apartment
★Lounge
★Fitted kitchen
★Bathroom. ORP
★Communal grassed area

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West Bromwich
Hollyhedge Road

★Two bed first floor flat
★Fitted kitchen
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Separate entrance. ORP
★Large rear communal garden

£440pcm

Sedgley
Roper Walk

★Modern ground floor maisonette
★Large double bedroom
★Hall, lounge & fitted kitchen
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★GCH & DG
★Ample parking

£425pcm

Tipton
Bonneville Close

★One bed apartment.
★DG & GCH
★Lounge with Juliette balcony
★Fitted kitchen
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Allocated parking

£420pcm

Tividale
Red Lion Close

★One bed first floor flat
★Unfurnished. Fitted kitchen
★DG.
★Lounge
★Additional storage areas

£400pcm

Tipton
Holden Croft

★One bed town house
★DG & GCH
★Lounge. Fitted kitchen
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Front & side gardens
★ORP x 2

£395pcm

Tipton
St Michaels Way

★One bed house
★Open plan lounge/kitchen
★GCH & DG
★Bathroom with bath & shower
★Small garden. Parking

£395pcm

Tipton
Oak Close

★One bed ground floor flat
★Private residential area
★Hall & lounge
★Kitchen with appliances
★Bathroom with shower
★Viewing recommended

£375pcm

Willenhall
Bow Street

★Mid terrace two bed cottage
★GCH & DG. Lounge
★Breakfast kitchen
★Bathroom with bath
★Rear yard

£375pcm

Tipton
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DUDLEY ROAD EAST, OLDBURY

Modern detached family residence built within the last 7 years to a high specification. Gas central heating and double glazing throughout. Well maintained and presented. Providing reception hall, cloakroom, fitted kitchen, dining room, utility, lounge, three bedrooms, ensuite shower room, family bathroom. Two parking spaces and private rear garden. INTERNAL INSPECTION RECOMMENDED.

£150,000

LESLIE RISE, TIVIDALE

Traditional semi-detached house situated within this quiet residential location. Replacement double glazing throughout. Comprising reception hall, through lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. Off road parking and established rear garden. INTERNAL INSPECTION RECOMMENDED.

£109,950

ASHTREE ROAD, TIVIDALE

Traditional semi-detached bungalow with part double glazing and gas central heating. Situated within this popular residential location. Providing porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom. Side garage and off road parking. Established gardens. In need of general improvement and upgrading.

£104,950

GREENHILL ROAD, HANDSWORTH

NEW

Traditional terraced house being well maintained throughout. Part night storage heating and replacement double glazing. Comprising entrance hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, pleasant garden. INTERNAL INSPECTION RECOMMENDED. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

£104,950

OAKHAM ROAD, DUDLEY

Most delightful and superbly appointed traditional style semi, situated within this most sought after highly favoured residential location, offering gas central heating, double glazing, and charming accommodation to include: two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, large utility room, downstairs shower room, three good bedrooms, bathroom, pleasant and well tended gardens, garage with driveway providing off road parking, viewing essential.

£190,000

TITFORD ROAD, OLDBURY

Traditional semi-detached house with the possibility of a two storey extension to the side subject to planning consent. Replacement double glazing and gas central heating to porch, entrance hall, lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. Side garage, car port and additional parking. Rear garden.

£129,999

HILLBANK, TIVIDALE

Traditional semi-detached house situated within this quiet and popular residential location. Replacement double glazing and gas central heating throughout. Providing porch, entrance hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, bathroom with shower. Garage and off road parking. Rear garden. INTERNAL INSPECTION RECOMMENDED.

£114950

PINE ROAD, TIVIDALE

Traditional end town house being well maintained and presented throughout. Offering spacious family accommodation worthy of early inspection. Replacement double glazing and gas central heating. Providing porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom with shower. Outside toilet and storage sheds. Established gardens.

£104,950

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OFFERS AROUND £94,950

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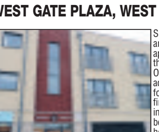

Superbly presented and maintained apartment built within the five years. Offering spacious accommodation ideal for a single person, first time buyer or investment. With the benefit of gas central heating and double glazing. Providing communal entrance with security intercom, entrance hall, fitted dining kitchen, lounge, double bedroom, bathroom. Communal gardens and secure parking. INTERNAL INSPECTION HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

£69,950

TAT BANK ROAD, OLDBURY

Traditional terraced house with central heating and double glazing. Providing lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms. Rear garden.

£475 PCM

BLAKELEY HALL ROAD, OLDBURY

Traditional style semi, offering gas central heating, double glazing, with accommodation briefly comprising; lounge, kitchen, downstairs wc, two bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking, garden.

£525 pcm

MASON STREET, WEST BROMWICH

Traditional end terraced house having been fully decorated throughout and having the benefit of replacement double glazing, gas central heating and burglar alarm. Providing lounge, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom with shower and rear garden. INTERNAL INSPECTION RECOMMENDED.

£550 PCM

FREDA RISE, TIVIDALE

Traditional semi-detached house being well presented throughout. Having the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. Providing porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage and rear garden. INTERNAL INSPECTION HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

£575 PCM

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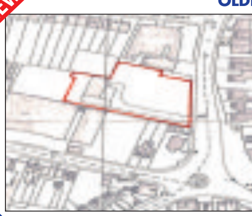
OLDBURY — NEW

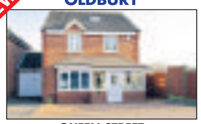


VICARAGE ROAD

An opportunity to acquire a residential development site with planning approval for 12 dwellings granted on 10th February 2011 valid for 3 years by Sandwell MBC. The current permission provides for 10 three bedroomed properties split equally into two and three storey and an additional two storey four bed detached and a two bedroomed first floor flat, together with communal roadway and parking areas

Offers in the region of £330,000

OLDBURY — NEW



QUEEN STREET

A magnificent opportunity to acquire an extended detached family home. Porch entrance into reception hall, lounge, extended dining kitchen, utility room, shower room and garage. Staircase from hall to first floor, three bedrooms, bathroom. Staircase to master bedroom and ensuite off, double glazing, central heating, some under floor heating off road parking rear garden

Offers in the region of £289,950

ROWLEY REGIS — NEW

GREENWOOD AVENUE

An end town house situated in an elevated position requiring full modernisation and refurbishment Front entrance door opening into lounge, inner hallway stores off, kitchen. Stairs from inner hallway to first floor landing storage cupboard off, two bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, double glazing where specified, front & rear gardens, off road parking to side

Price: £74,950

OLDBURY

FARM ROAD

A traditional semi detached property benefiting from two storey extension to the rear, hall entrance stores off, through lounge with dining area and feature fireplace, L shaped kitchen. Staircase from hallway to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes) bathroom, side garage, double glazing and central heating, parking to front and rear garden

Offers in the region of £159,950

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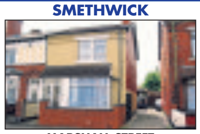


MARSHALL STREET

A deceptively spacious end terraced property providing unique accommodation and providing off road parking. Porch to vestibule, reception hall, two reception rooms, breakfast room, kitchen, W.C. and laundry room. Staircase to three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing where specified, carport, sun room, workshop rear garden

Offers in the region of £145,000

OLDBURY

MONCKTON ROAD

An extended traditional semi detached property requiring full modernisation. Storm porch, reception hall, two reception rooms with feature fireplaces, kitchen, cupboard size passageway to verandha. Stairs from hall extending to first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing where specified, front and rear gardens and rear access and garage

Offers in the region of £134,950

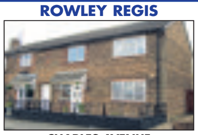
OLDBURY

MERTON CLOSE

A fully modernised and refurbished three storey three bedroomed mid town house. uPVC front entrance door, garage, inner hallway, bedroom 3/study and W.C. off. Stairs to first floor landing, living area including kitchen, dining and lounge areas. Staircase to second floor landing, two bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, double glazing, off road parking, rear garden

Offers in the region of £115,000

ROWLEY REGIS



CHARLES AVENUE

A deceptively spacious semi detached property occupying a most convenient location. Hall entrance, cloakroom with W.C., lounge, dining area with archway to kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas fired central heating, double glazing, two allocated parking spaces, front and rear gardens.

Offers in the region of £104,950

OLDBURY — REDUCED

ASCOT CLOSE

An opportunity to acquire a semi detached house situated in a popular location offering ideal acquisition for first time purchase or investment storm porch entrance to lounge, dining kitchen. Staircase from lounge to first floor landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, double glazing, central heating, off road parking, gardens to front and rear

Price: £99,995

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OLDBURY — REDUCED

PENNCRICKET LANE

A fully modernised and refurbished end terraced property having rear off road car parking facility uPVC door into front room feature fireplace, inner hallway stores off, rear sitting room feature fireplace, kitchen. Staircase to landing, two bedrooms, bathroom, double glazing and central heating, rear yard, garden and off road parking facility through shared access to side

Offers in the region of £90,000

TIPTON — REDUCED

TIVIDALE STREET

A modern mid town house. Hardwood entrance door to reception hall stores and kitchen leading off, lounge with feature fireplace. Stairs from hall to first floor landing, two bedrooms (master with fitted wardrobes) bathroom shower over bat, central heating, double glazing, off road parking, rear garden

Offers in the region of £89,995

TIVIDALE — TO LET

PRINCES ROAD

A semi detached property occupying a wedge shaped plot of land having substantial frontage with potential for substantial off road parking. Hall entrance, lounge feature fireplace, kitchen having integrated appliances. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms, shower room, double glazing, central heating where specified, front, side and rear gardens

£550 pcm

OLDBURY — TO LET

WATERWAYS DRIVE

A modern two bedroomed town house. Hall entrance with open storage, kitchen, lounge patio doors to rear garden. Staircase extending from hall to first floor landing off which leads stores and two bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, double glazing, front and rear gardens, communal parking areas. FIRST MONTHS RENTAL HALF PRICE

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Bloomfield Terrace, Tipton — NEW

Corner position Semi Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and excellent size well presented accommodation. Porch, lounge, fitted kitchen (built in appliances), conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, side driveway, side carport, garage to rear, fore and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£119,475**

Colbourne Road, Tipton — NEW

Middle Terrace offering upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Lounge, sitting room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and paved rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£89,950**

Ruth Close, Tipton — NEW

Modern Extended Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating and extended to side / rear at ground floor. Reception hall, through lounge / dining room, study room, extended fitted kitchen (built in appliances), guest shower room / w.c. 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£124,950**

Sannders Crescent, Tipton — NEW

Modern Purpose Built Ground Floor apartment offering upvc double glazing, electric heating and no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and allocated parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£65,000**

Coronation Road, Tipton — NEW

Recently improved / renovated middle terrace offering upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Ideal for first time buyer or investor whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, new fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, new fitted bathroom with shower, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£70,000**

Lister Close, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern End Terrace situated in a cul de sac location. Offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating & well presented internal accommodation which briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, 2 car driveway to rear & most attractive superb rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£83,500**

Oak Close, Tipton

Purpose Built First Floor Flat having upvc double glazing, electric storage heating and offering no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom with shower, separate toilet, communal parking and communal gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£54,950**

Woodard Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Semi Detached situated on an excellent corner plot with Large rear garden & Offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating & superbly presented accommodation which briefly comprises, porch, reception hall, lguest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, fore garden, rear & side garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£95,995**

Bramah Way, Tipton

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Situated on a sought after development the accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£99,995**

Fernwood Croft, Tipton — REDUCED

Purpose built First Floor Flat having upvc double glazing, electric storage heating, superbly presented spacious accommmodation & briefly comprising, reception hall, landing, lounge, re fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower & fore garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£59,950**

Shaw Road, Tipton

Improved Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, no upward chain and gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, open plan lounge / fitted kitchen, dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, block paved driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£114,950**

Castle Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Impressive Period Semi Detached which has been improved to a very high standard. Offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating, loft conversion, spacious family accommodation and situated in a most sought after location with viewing highly recommended. Vestibule, reception hall, cellar, lounge, dining area, breakfast / sitting room, fitted modern kitchen with built in appliances, guest cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, luxury fitted bathroom and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£154,500**

Warren Close, Tipton — TO LET

- 1 Bedroom 1st Floor Flat
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVc double glazing
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£375**

Hewitt Street, Darlaston

- Spacious 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- No Upward Chain & Requiring General Upgrade
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating & Double GLazing (as specified)

Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£55,000**

Brunswick Park Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Sustantial 5 Bedroom Period Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazed (as spec.)
- Potential for Extention (STPP)
- Reception Hall & Guest WC

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£215,000**

Park Lane, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- UPVc Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£149,995**

Old Park Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Deceptiovely Spacious 2 Bedroom Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£114,995**

Manor House Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- Individual Detached Residence
- No Upward Chain!
- 3 Bedrooms (En-Suite to Bedroom 1)
- Deceptively Spacious

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£134,995**

Somerset Crescent, Wednesbury

- A Well Presented 2 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Popular Location

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£99,995**

Bagnalls Wharf, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Well Presented, Contemporary 2nd Floor Apartment
- Electric Storage Heating
- Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain!

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£84,995**

Hydes Road, Wednesbury

- A Deceptively Spacious 4 Bedroom End Villa
- Gas Centrally Heated & Double Glazed
- No UPward Chain!
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£115,000**

Chestnut Road, Wednesbury — NEW

- A Spacious 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- Popular Location

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£159,995**

Darby Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- Presenting a 3 Bedroom Terrace Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£95,000**

Shaftesbury Road, Wednesbury — REDUCED

- A Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Popular Area & No Upward Chain
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Storm Porch & Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£145,000**

Oak Road, West Bromwich — NEW

A Larger Type Traditional Semi Detached House positioned on a substantial plot within this highly sought after area. Benefitting from Central Heating (with solar panels), Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility with WC, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Large Gardens to Front and Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking for Several Cars leading to the Side Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£169,950**

Lyndon Grove — NEW

A Rare Opportunity to Purchase This Delightful Traditional Semi Detached House situated in the Quiet Cul de sac of Lyndon Grove. Excellent for Transport Links and Sandwell Hospital. Benefitting from Central Heating, Majority Double Glazing and Intruder Alarmed. Accommodation Comprises:- Porched Entrance Hall, Lounge, Refitted Kitchen/ Diner, Verandah with Guest Cloaks/ WC, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Shower Room/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Large Side Garage and Driveway Off Road Parking.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 OFFERS AROUND: **£146,950**

Gill Street — NEW

An Excellent Semi Detached House that has been vastly improved to a superb standard by the current vendors. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Refitted Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, Large Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Large Driveway affording Off Road Parking For Several Cars, Tiered Rear Garden with Patio, Decking, Fish Pond and Large Garden Store/ Summer House.
Viewing 0121 525 2111 offers around **£119,950**

Lemox Road, West Bromwich — NEW

An Excellent Semi Detached House that has been vastly improved to a superb standard by the current vendors. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Refitted Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, Large Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Large Driveway affording Off Road Parking For Several Cars, Tiered Rear Garden with Patio, Decking, Fish Pond and Large Garden Store/ Summer House.
Offers Around
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£129,950**

Cambridge Street, West Bromwich — REDUCED

A 2 Bedroom Mid Terraced House with Excellent Town Centre Location. Benefitting from Central Heating, Part Double Glazed and No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 2 Good Size Bedrooms and Gardens to Front & Rear.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£65,000**

Schofield Avenue, West Bromwich

76 Schofield Avenue, West Bromwich, B71 2AP. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £85,000. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£85,000**

Charlemont Avenue, West Midlands

An Excellent, Extended Traditional Detached House, Significantly improved by the current vendors to a high standard. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Hall with Guest Cloaks WC, Lounge, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bedroom with En Suite Shower Room/ WC
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£259,950**

Charlemont Road, West Bromwich

♦♦♦ Reduced By £15,000 from Original Asking Price! ♦♦♦ A Delightful, Detached House pleasantly situated in this much sought after residential area. Upgraded throughout to high standard. Benefitting from double glazing, central heating and intruder alarm. Offering surprisingly spacious accommodation comprising- Storm Porch, Hall with Guests Cloaks WC, 23'4 Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, 18ft Refitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom, Separate WC, Large Rear Garden, 3 Car tandem Garage and Driveway Affording Off Road Parking for Several Cars.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£254,950**

Europa Avenue, West Bromwich

A Larger Type, 3 Bedroom Detached House. Benefitting From Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises, Porch, Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Block Paved Driveway and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£229,950**

Jayne Close, West Bromwich

A spacious and attractive Semi Detached House located within a highly sought after area of Stone Cross. Sited on a large corner plot, the property benefits from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Briefly comprising Porch, Entrance Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, Veranda, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Large block paved driveway to front, Side Garage and enclosed rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 **£132,000**

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Salisbury House West Bromwich — NEW

*****UNDER APPLICATION*****

The property comprises a first floor studio appartment which, has recently been re decorated throughout and having bedroom/lounge, bathroom, electric heating, kitchen, parking space.

£295 pcm

Harrowby Drive TIPTON

A one bedroom ground floor flat comprising, lounge, kitchen, bathroom with fitted shower , bedroom with built in wardrobes and intruder alarm, No DSS, Viewing 0121 522 3733.

£325 pcm

Carnegie Avenue Tipton

The property comprises a one bedroomed first floor apartment, having a lounge with gas fire, fitted kitchen with gas cooker, fitted bathroom having bath with shower over, pedestal wash hand basin and wc. Viewing 0121 522 3733...NO DSS

£350 pcm

Wordsworth Close TIPTON

A well presented modern two bedroom town house, offering a good location and briefly comprises of Lounge, Kitchen, Two bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore garden and parking. No Dss

£450 pcm

New Birmingham Road Oldbury

Well Presented Modern second floor apartment close to local amenites and transport links, having upvc double glazing and gas central heating and briefly comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with White Goods, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower and parking space.

£450 pcm

Sycamore Road Tipton

A well presented two bedroom traditional semi detached property offering a spacious layout and refurbished to a good standard which requires internal viewing to fully appreciate the level of accomodation which briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Driveway, Garden, Dg and Gch.

£475 pcm

Victoria Street Willenhall

A spacious three bedroom traditional terrace, offering a good location just a short distance from Willenhall town centre and with easy access to excellent transport links. The property offers a good standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of Two reception rooms, Modern fitted kitchen, Downstairs bathroom, Three good size bedrooms, Garden, Dg and Gch. No Dss

£475 pcm

Overton Place West Bromwich — NEW

A well presented two bedroom first floor apartments having enjoyed extensive refurbishment throughout the property has a spacious layout with two bedrooms, modern refitted kitchen, new bathroom, dg, gch and secure parking,garage, dg and gch.

£475 pcm

Beckett Street Bilston

Well presented terrace home, two double bedrooms, gas central heating, upvc double glazing, alarm system, lounge with feature fireplace, dining room, re-fitted kitchen with integrated oven/hob, re-fitted downstairs bathroom and rear garden. NO DSS

£475 pcm

Brickhouse Lane West Bromwich

Extended and recently refurbished semi detached having gas central heating whilst briefly comprising: Reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, front and/ rear gardens NO PETS / NO DSS

£485 pcm

Summerton Road Oldbury

A superb opportunity to acquire this brand new two bedroom first floor apartment, set on Latimer Square this new exciting development from Taylor Wimpey the property is finished to a high standard as you would expect from such a renowned builder. Briefly comprising Reception hallway, Lounge with open plan modern fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Fitted bathroom, Parking, Dg and Gch. No Dss.

£495 pcm

Esher Road West Bromwich

A Double Fronted End Terraced House benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Seperate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Off Road Parking.

£495 pcm

Johnson Road Wednesbury

Presenting a spacious 3 bedroom semi detached home with a pleasant outlook. The property is double glazed and centrally heated (as specified) and has accommodation to comprise a reception hall, through lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, fitted bathroom suite and enclosed rear garden.

£500 pcm

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Wolverhampton Street Darlaston

A deceptively spacious terrace property benefiting from gas central heating, upvc double glazing & alarm system & offering no upward chain. Briefly comprising reception hall, lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom/wc, three good bedrooms & landscaped low-maintenance garden.

£500 pcm

63-65 Bustleholme Lane West Bromwich

A two bedroom ground floor luxury apartment with the benefit of gas central heating, double glazing, intercom security system, communal gardens and off road parking. The property comprises lounge / fitted kitchen with built in oven / hob, fridge, freezer, wall & base units, fully tiled bathroom / wc, bedrooms with carpets and curtains.

£525 pcm

63-65 Bustleholme Lane West Bromwich

A two bedroom 1st floor luxury apartment with the benefit of gas central heating, double glazing, intercom security system, communal gardens and off road parking. The property comprises lounge/fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, fridge, freezer, wall & base units, fully tiled bathroom/wc, 2 bedrooms with carpets and curtains.

PLEASE NOTE: This Property Requires £1,000 Deposit

£525 pcm

Wellington Road Bilston

Larger style three bedroomed semi detached house convenient for Wolverhampton & Bilston metro & bus routes. With gas central heating & double glazing, accommodation comprises recpetion hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front & good sized rear garden.

£550 pcm

Farmhouse Road Willenhall

Recently built semi detached family home having the benefit of, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The properties briefly comprise, reception hall, fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob, lounge, guest WC, three bedrooms (master with en-suite shower room), family bathroom, block paved driveway and rear garden.

£550 pcm

Threshers Drive Willenhall

To Let: Recently built 3 bedroom terrace house available having the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. The properties briefly comprise, reception hall, guest WC, fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob, lounge, three bedrooms (master with ensuite shower room) family bathroom, block paved off road parking and rear gardens.

£550 pcm

Rutland Road West Bromwich

End terraced house with gas central heating and double glazing. Excellent family sized accommodation comprises- Reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, covered passageway with brick stores and WC, gardens front and rear.

£575 pcm

Wilkinson Road Wednesbury

A superbly presented three bedroom property, offering a spacious layout this impressive property has been decorated to a high standard throughout making internal viewing essential to fully appreciate the level of accomodation. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining room, Fitted breakfast kitchen, Guest wc, Utility, Three good size bedrooms, family bathroom, Private rear garden,Parking, Dg and Gch. No Dss

£575 pcm

Brook Street West Bromwich

A refurbished 3 bedroom semi detached house with gas fired central heating and double glazing. The property comprises reception hall, lounge, dining kitchen with built in oven hob & extractor, three bedrooms , family bathroom with bath , basin & w.c. Off road car parking space to side. View 0121 525 5520

£580 pcm

Hollyhock Court Wolverhampton

Stunning new apartments available in the heart of Wolverhampton

Hollyhock Court is situated in a desirable residential area of Wolverhampton, within a mile of the City Centre. Within a few minutes you can find yourself in Tettenhall Village with access to the local leisure facilities, shops and restaurants. West Park is within walking distance and is renowned for its boating lake, conservatory and outdoor events. With a leisurely stroll you can walk to the City centre and gain access to the City s major art, leisure

£595 pcm

Lindley Avenue Tipton

A superbly appointed and stylishly presented three bedroom semi detached property, situated at the end of a quiet cul de sac in this popular location close to excellent local amenities and with easy access to motorway networks. The property is finished to a high standard and internal viewing is essential to fully appreciate the level of accomodation. Briefly comprising of Through lounge/ diner, Well equipped modern fitted kitchen, Three bedrooms, Luxury family bathroom, Private rear garden, Dg and Gch. No Dss, No Pets

£595 pcm

Victoria Street Willenhall

A modern three bedroom two storey town house situated in a popular location just a short distance from Willenhall tow centre and with easy access to motorway networks. The property offers a spacious layout and high standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted Kitchen, Guest Wc, Three good size bedrooms with en suite, Rear garden, Dg and Gch, No Dss

£595 pcm

Rachael Gardens Wednesbury

A spacious three bedroom semi detached property, situated in a popular residential neighbourhood the property benefits from Reception hallway, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Guest Wc ,Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Dg and Gch No DSS £650pcm

£600 pcm

Westbourne Road Wolverhampton

A superbly appointed and stylishly presented two bedroom traditional detached bungalow situated in a desirable residential neighbourhood the property has undergone extensive refurbishment throughout and is finished to a high standard making internal viewing essential to fully appreciate the level of accomodation. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Well equipped modern fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Luxury bathroom, Dg, Gch and Private rear garden.

£625 pcm

Penn Road Wolverhampton

A 5 bedroom semi-detached house is being offered on a room by . The property is situated in a popular suburb of the City with excellent transport links close at hand. Also being within easy reach of Wolverhampton University and city centre with its array of cafes, pubs, restaurants, take aways and supermarkets.

£3,000 pcm

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★ Modern four bedroom detached ★ Lounge and dining room ★ Kitchen and utility ★ Downstairs WC and en suite to master bedroom ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage and driveway ★ Front and rear gardens
£219,995

TIVIDALE
DARBYS HILL ROAD
★ Extended four bedroom detached ★ Lounge and dining kitchen ★ Downstairs WC ★ Converted garage into two storerooms ★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified) ★ Off road parking ★ Rear garden
£219,995

TIPTON
DOUGHTY CLOSE
★ Modern four bedroom detached on corner plot ★ Lounge with dining area and kitchen and utility room ★ Garage and off road parking ★ Cloakroom, bathroom and en suite ★ Central heating double glazing (where specified)
£214,995

TIVIDALE
TAYLOR WAY
★ Modern four bedroom detached ★ Lounge and dining room ★ Kitchen, utility and downstairs WC ★ En suite to master bedroom ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Driveway and garage ★ Front and rear gardens
£210,000

TIVIDALE
CALLAGHAN DRIVE
★ Modern four bedroom detached ★ Lounge/dining room ★ Fitted kitchen and utility room ★ Conservatory ★ Garage and driveway ★ Downstairs WC and en suite to master bedroom ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Front and rear gardens
£209,995

TIPTON
MANSION DRIVE
★ Four bedroom modern detached ★ Lounge and dining room ★ Downstairs WC ★ En suite to master bedroom and family bathroom ★ Kitchen and utility area ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage and driveway ★ Front and rear gardens
NOW £189,995

BILSTON
CONSTANTINE WAY
★ Modern four bedroom detached ★ Lounge and dining room ★ Conservatory (at present divided into three units) ★ Kitchen with utility ★ En suite to master bedroom plus family bathroom ★ Gas fired central heating and double glazing (where specified) ★ Solar warm heat recovery ventilation system
£187,500

TIPTON
WILDAY CLOSE
★ Three double bedroomed detached house ★ Through lounge/dining room, breakfast kitchen ★ Downstairs WC, conservatory ★ En suite to master bedroom ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage, block paved driveway and rear garden
£179,995

TIPTON
DAISY MEADOW
★ Modern four bedroom detached ★ Lounge, dining room, kitchen ★ Downstairs WC, conservatory ★ Loft conversion with en suite ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage and driveway ★ Front and rear gardens
£179,995

TIPTON
WILLIAM BARROWS WAY
★ Modern four bedroom semi detached ★ Lounge and dining kitchen ★ Conservatory ★ Garage and driveway ★ En suite to master bedroom plus family bathroom ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Rear garden
£167,500

TIPTON
HORSELEY ROAD
★ Extended five bedroom semi detached ★ Through lounge/dining room ★ En suite to master bedroom ★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified) ★ Garage and off road parking ★ Rear garden
Was £179,995 Now £165,000

TIPTON
SANNDERS CRESCENT
★ Three bedroom three storey detached property ★ Lounge and conservatory ★ Fitted kitchen with dining area ★ En suite to master bedroom ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage and driveway ★ Rear garden ★ No upward chain
£159,995

TIPTON
DAISY MEADOW
★ Extended four bedroom semi detached ★ Entrance and downstairs WC ★ Lounge/dining room, extended dining kitchen ★ Off road parking ★ En suite to master bedroom plus family shower room ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Rear garden
£159,995

TIPTON
KIDD CROFT
★ Extended four bedroom semi detached ★ Through lounge and extended dining room ★ Fitted kitchen ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage and driveway ★ Rear garden
£149,995

TIPTON
KERR DRIVE
★ Link detached chalet-style with two/three bedrooms ★ Bedroom three/study, lounge/dining room ★ Conservatory, fitted kitchen ★ Downstairs WC ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage, driveway and rear garden
WAS £139,995 NOW £134,995

WEDNESBURY
LEA AVENUE
★ Two bedroom detached bungalow ★ Entrance porch ★ Lounge and fitted kitchen ★ Front and rear gardens ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage, driveway and off road parking
NOW £134,995

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£129,995

TIPTON
PATRICIA DRIVE
★ Three bedroom link detached ★ Lounge and dining area ★ Fitted breakfast kitchen ★ Garage ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Driveway ★ Front and rear gardens
WAS £129,995 NOW £127,500

TIPTON
MANSION DRIVE
★ Three bedroom modern semi detched ★ Entrance hall ★ En suite to master bedroom ★ Dining kitchen ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage ★ Front and rear gardens
£127,500

TIPTON
FIELD ROAD
★ Recently modernised three bedroom semi detached ★ Lounge. Dining dining ★ Garage ★ Driveway for several vehicles ★ Property must be viewed to appreciate standard of accommodation ★ Front and rear gardens
NOW £124,995

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★ Extended three bedroom semi detached ★ Lounge and dining room ★ Extended kitchen ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Off road parking ★ Front and rear gardens
£119,995

TIPTON
NEWCOMEN DRIVE
★ Three bedroom mid terrace ★ Lounge, dining kitchen ★ Ground floor WC ★ Off road parking ★ Rear garden ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
£119,995

TIPTON
THE SQUARE
★ Three bedroom semi detached ★ Lounge/diner ★ En suite and family bathroom ★ Garage and off road parking ★ Double glazing and central heating (where specified) ★ Rear garden
WAS £124,995 NOW £119,995

TIPTON
IRVING ROAD
★ Three bedroom mid town house in quiet cul-de-sac location ★ Lounge ★ Conservatory ★ Breakfast kitchen ★ Double glazing (where specified) ★ Drive and garage to rear ★ Rear garden
Was £114,995 Now £109,995

TIPTON
CLOVER PIECE
★ Two bedroom semi detached ★ Lounge ★ Fitted kitchen ★ Allocated parking ★ Front and rear gardens ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
£102,500

TIPTON
JEAN DRIVE
★ Two bedroom mid terraced ★ Lounge ★ Fitted kitchen ★ Allocated parking ★ Rear garden ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
£97,500

TIPTON
CHRISTINE CLOSE
★ Three bedroom detached on corner plot ★ Lounge and dining kitchen ★ Conservatory ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Garage and driveway ★ Front, rear and side gardens
£154,995

TIPTON
BROOKFIELD WAY
★ Modern three/four bedroom detached ★ Lounge and kitchen diner ★ Conservatory ★ Off road parking and rear garden ★ En suite to master bedroom and family bathroom ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
£129,995

TIPTON
HENN DRIVE
★ Three bedroom semi detached ★ Lounge and dining room ★ Fitted kitchen and conservatory ★ Garage and driveway ★ Rear garden ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
£109,995

WEST BROMWICH
BAILEY STREET
★ Extended three/four bedroom end terrace ★ Lounge and kitchen ★ Ground floor shower room ★ Ground floor extension/bedroom ★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified) ★ Off road parking with garage to rear ★ Front and rear gardens
£97,000

WEST BROMWICH
CALDWELL STREET
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PUBLIC NOTICE

43 Ridgeway, B17 8JB
Connells are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of **£107,000** for **43 Ridgeway, Shenstone Road, B17 8JB**. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Connells at 122 Poplar Road, Bearwood, B66 4AP 01214203611 before exchange of contracts.

Bearwood £85,000

Pargeter Road
Connells are pleased to offer this mid terraced property in need of modernisation comprising vestibule entrance hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen, two bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens, offered with no chain.

PUBLIC NOTICE

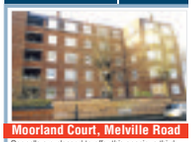
123 Wigorn Road, Smethwick B67 5HF
We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of **£106,000** on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before exchange of contracts takes place.

Edgbaston £179,950

Gillot Road
Connells are pleased to offer this detached property in need of some modernisation, comprising 2 reception rooms, kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, centrally heated where specified, driveway, front and rear gardens.

Bearwood £180,000

Galton Road
A superb mid terraced property with internal viewing highly recommended, the property comprises vestibule entrance hallway, through lounge, extended re-fitted dining kitchen, three bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens.

Edgbaston £139,950

Moorland Court, Melville Road
Connells are pleased to offer this spacious third floor mansion style apartment, in most desirable location overlooking St Augustine s Church, the property comprises entrance hallway, lounge, three bedrooms, fitted kitchen, spacious bathroom, new double glazing throughout, offered with no chain.

Bearwood £325,000

Harborne Road
Connells are pleased to offer this substantial semi detached property, with stunning views of Warley Woods, comprising porch, entrance hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen diner, four bedrooms, family bathroom, many original features, front and rear gardens, driveway.

Smethwick £120,000

Arden Road
An immaculate mid terrace property with internal viewing highly recommended, comprising entrance hallway, through lounge, fitted kitchen, cloakroom/store, two bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, landscaped garden, double glazed and centrally heated where specified

Oldbury £125,000

Broadmoor Avenue
Connells are pleased to offer this semi detached property comprising hallway, to reception rooms, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens, driveway. Offered with no chain.

Hockley £97,000

Seattle House, The Moorings
A second/top floor apartment, comprising entrance hallway, open plan living kitchen dining, two bedrooms, re-fitted shower room, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, internal viewing recommended.

Smethwick £120,000

Lee Gardens
Connells are pleased to offer this immaculately maintained semi detached property with internal viewing recommended, comprising hallway, reception room, re-fitted kitchen diner, conservatory, three bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed where specified, front driveway, rear garden.

Oldbury Branch
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Tividale £125,000

St Brades Close
MODERN DETACHED TWO BED PROPERTY. Introducing this improved and well presented detached property having alarm system, one reception room, modern fitted kitchen with dining area, upstairs bathrooms, off road parking, front and rear gardens. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Tividale £160,000

Mallan Drive
★NO UPWARD CHAIN★ Introducing this modern three bedroomed detached property located in a quiet location, comprising of lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, downstairs w.c, three bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, rear garden, integral garage and off road parking to front. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Oldbury £79,950

Station Road
IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYERS. Introducing this two bedroomed end terraced property having one reception room, kitchen / diner, downstairs toilet, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Oldbury £119,950

Moat Road
INTRODUCING THIS FOUR BED VILLA TERRACE having two reception rooms, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, four bedrooms and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

Oldbury £115,000

St James Road
★TWO BEDROOMED MODERN BUNGALOW WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN★. Introducing this semi detached modern bungalow having one reception room, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, shower room, off road parking and front and rear gardens. Double glazing and central heating where specified.

Tividale £107,000

Tower Road
★THREE BEDROOMED SEMI WITH CONSERVATORY★ having, two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom, off road parking to front and rear garden. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified. ★NO UPWARD CHAIN★

Oldbury £99,950

Hill Top
★3 BEDROOM SEMI DETATCHED WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN, REDUCED BY £15,000★ having kitchen , bathroom, off road parking, front and rear gardens, double glazing and central heating.

Rowley Regis £74,950

Falfield Close
★A ONE BEDROOM BUNGALOW WITH CONSERVATORY★ having no upward chain, the bungalow also comprises of lounge, kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens, rear of the property also has access.

Oldbury £119,950

Edmonds Road
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PUBLIC NOTICE

19 Moat Road, Oldbury B68 8EB
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Oldbury £140,000

Warley Road
EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED END OF TERRACE PROPERTY comprising of entrance porch, three reception room, conservatory to rear, downstairs and upstairs bathrooms, parking to front of property, front and rear gardens. Double glazing and gas central heating where specified.

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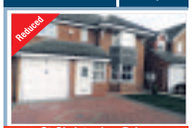

St Christopher Drive
A recently built spacious three bedroom detached property briefly comprising of uPVC double glazing and central heating (as specified), lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, guest cloakroom, first floor bathroom, two en-suite shower rooms, enclosed rear garden, garage and driveway.

PUBLIC NOTICE

107 Carrington Road, Wednesbury WS10 0JJ
We are acting for the mortgagees and have received an offer of **£72,000** on the above property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

Wednesbury £70,950

Lowe Avenue
A three bedroom end terrace property briefly comprising of uPVC double glazing and central heating (as specified), lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, ground floor bathroom, first floor wc, enclosed rear garden and off road parking. No Upward Chain

Tipton £69,950

Highfield Road
A three bedroom mid-terraced property benefiting from no upward chain briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, first floor bathroom, separate WC, enclosed rear garden, drive-way providing off road parking.

Wednesbury £67,000

Bassett Road
A three bedroom mid-terrace property benefiting from no upward chain and briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, first floor bathroom, front and rear gardens.

Wednesbury £85,950

Richard Williams Road
A traditional style three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) lounge, breakfast kitchen, ground floor bathroom, enclosed good size rear garden and drive-way providing off road parking.

Wednesbury £159,950

Beebee Road
An immaculately presented traditional extended three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) two reception rooms, fitted breakfast kitchen, first floor bathroom and shower room, loft conversion (bedroom 3) enclosed rear garden, garage and drive-way.

Darlaston £105,000

Princess Way
A two bedroom end terrace briefly comprising of, gas central heating (as specified) lounge, fitted kitchen, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, allocated parking.

Wednesbury £145,000

Puddlers Grove, Satchwell Grange
A recently built three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) entrance hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, first floor family bathroom, en-suite to master bedroom, enclosed rear garden, garage.

Wednesbury £189,950

Hughes Road
A unique opportunity to purchase a five bedroom detached residence briefly comprising of, four reception rooms, dining kitchen, two bedrooms with en-suite, extensive land to front, side and rear of property, offering further development opportunity S.T.P.P.

Wednesbury £99,950

Cornwall Close
A three bedroom semi-detached property in a cul-de-sac location briefly comprising of, uPVc double glazing and gas central heating (as specified) porch entrance, reception hallway, lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, garage and shared drive-way.

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West Bromwich £89,950

Walsall Road
A 3 bedroom Semi Detached Property briefly comprising of double glazing,lounge,fitted kitchen,downstairs bathroom,enclosed rear garden and driveway providing off road parking.

West Bromwich £50,000

Bernard Street
A 3 bedroom Mid Terrace Property briefly comprising of 2 reception rooms, kitchen area, downstairs bathroom area, in need of total refurbishment.

West Bromwich £74,950

Whitgreave Street
Connells are pleased to introduce this well located semi detached property, briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, off road parking, living room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, front and rear garden.

West Bromwich £89,950

Hobnail House
Connells are pleased to introduce this 1st floor maisonette benefiting from its own private entrance door, briefly comprising of 2 bedrooms, 1 reception room, kitchen, bathroom, central heating and double glazing, NO UPWARD CHAIN

West Bromwich £79,950

Cordley Street
A 3 bedroom mid terrace property briefly comprising of double glazing,central heating, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom,enclosed rear garden.

West Bromwich £79,950

Wheatley Street
3 bedroom mid terrace property, double glazing,central heating,lounge, kitchen,downstairs bathroom,enclosed rear garden,driveway providing off road parking.

West Bromwich £99,950

Harvills Hawthorn
Modern style end town house, briefly comprising of lounge diner, fitted kitchen,guest WC, entrance hall, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, driveway and rear garden, no upward chain.

PUBLIC NOTICE

52 Walsall Road, West Bromwich - B71 3HL
Connells are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of **£89,950** for **52 Walsall Road, West Bromwich - B71 3HL**. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Connells, 3 Astle Park, West Brownich B70 8NS - 0121 525 1177 before exchange of contracts.

West Bromwich £127,000

Bedford Road
Spacious semi detached property,briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms,central heating and double glazing, parking to the front,front and rear gardens, upstairs bathroom.

West Bromwich £90,000

Margaret Street
A much improved terraced property conveniently situated for local transport links, the property benefits from two bedrooms, lounge and separate dining room, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN

PUBLIC NOTICE

4 Bernard Street, West Bromwich, B71 1PJ
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Hitchcock Close, Smethwick

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- Off Road Parking
- Situated within a Quiet Cul-de-sac

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Rosefield Road, Smethwick

ATTENTION FIRST TIME BUYERS

- A Traditional Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Low Maintenance Garden
- Utility Area

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Three Shires Oak Road, Bearwood

ATTENTION FIRST TIME BUYERS

- A Charming Terrace Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Well Appointed Bathroom

Offers in the region of £109,950

Wigorn Road, Bearwood

ATTENTION FIRST TIME BUYERS

- A Charming Three Bed Mid Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Ideally Situated for Warley Woods
- Beautiful Rear Garden

Offers in the region of £132,000

Aberdeen Street, Winson Green

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- A Two Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Off Road Parking
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Close to City Hospital

Offers in the region of £84,950

Oakwood Road, Smethwick

ATTENTION FIRST TIME BUYERS

- Well Presented Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
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Portland Road, Edgbaston

ATTENTION FIRST TIME BUYERS

- An Exceptional, Modern End Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Offered on a 50% Share Basis
- Spacious Dining Kitchen

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Selsey Road, Edgbaston

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- A Beautifully Styled Terrace
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Memories are made of this – Volkswagen's classic

By Iain Dooley

FOR SOME, only Mini has come the closest to harnessing the power of 'old' to sell new cars.

Even then some might say that its line-up is more of a caricature than homage to the original small car. Certainly, the modern iteration is no longer small.

Volkswagen, on the other hand, has chosen to look forward in its pursuit of promoting its third generation new Beetle.

More a family car than simple pastiche of the original, it's bigger and more powerful too.

But when a recent opportunity to drive Volkswagen UK's very own classic Beetle came up, it was hard to say no.

It was certainly worth the wait. Originally purchased for the company's press fleet, it's stayed in the family ever since.

A sympathetic restoration programme conducted in recent years has seen the car return to its original silver and chrome glory.

And with a little over 22,000 miles on the clock, the car's interior looks like it could have come straight from the factory.

A no frills 1.2-litre version, this original Beetle is as simple and straightforward as they come, whether it's the engine's modest 34 horsepower or the thin sliver of a key that only works when slotted in the door lock or ignition one particular way.

Still, part of the Beetle's charm is the way it drives. There really is nothing else like it on the road today.

At the car's inception, its rear engine, rear-wheel drive layout was believed to offer the best compromise in terms of packaging, handling and space.

This side of a Porsche you won't find a car with a 'boot' in its nose, while the Beetle's flat-four engine is only trumped by, again, Porsche's range of performance motors.

Turn the key and your ears are met with the Beetle's trademark 'chug-chug-chug' as the engine stumbles into life.

Engage first with the spindly gear lever and you're soon in motion with surprising ease.

Progress isn't rapid but, even when in the company of more modern machines, it's pretty easy to maintain a sensible pace.

Stick to the posted limits and you'll be fine; something that's easy to do thanks to the accurate gearshift and responsive throttle.

Braking is less scary than you might think in a car of this age. Attacking the high-mounted pedal requires a little planning as it does require a hefty push, but the car stops without fuss.

Surprise

What is a surprise is the Beetle's supple ride on urban roads.

More supple and controlled than some modern cars, it's only when you leave the city limits and wind on a bit of speed do you experience a slight lack of straight-line stability. That's the only obvious trade-off for having the engine in the boot - just ask owners of old 911s.

That's never going to be enough to write off the overall experience, though. This particular Beetle is a fine example of what was good about the long-running automotive icon.

More refined than that other car from the swinging Sixties but lacking nothing in terms of character, to many fans this car is fitted with the 'correct' engine and the modest output is no barrier to enjoyment.

Being realistic for a moment, a brand spanking new 2012 model year Beetle is no match for this old-timer as a day-to-day proposition.

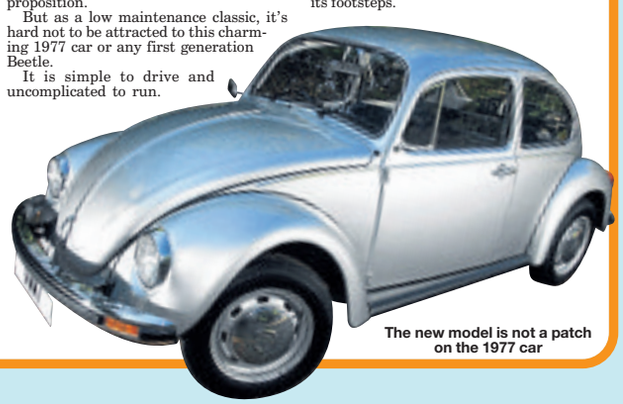
But as a low maintenance classic, it's hard not to be attracted to this charming 1977 car or any first generation Beetle.

It is simple to drive and uncomplicated to run.

Sure, there are few quirks to accommodate but that's part of its appeal.

Offering such a rich and tactile experience, it's hard not to have fun.

Let's hope the new car is fit to follow in its footsteps.



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The comfortable and well-fitted-out interior of the new Nissan NV200 van

The van has sliding doors on boths sides and twin rear doors

Nissan's new van is a versatile performer

By Sharon Walters

THERE are occasions when only a van will do what you need, and by sheer fortune Nissan provided the latest NV200 for me to test.

It has been sometime since I have driven a van and I was expecting a little more refinement than my previous experience, but I wasn't really prepared for the NV200.

First off, the interior felt very car-like and whilst there is an upright seating position, it was not uncomfortable and after nearly three hours of driving I was pretty impressed that I didn't feel any form of fatigue.

The dashboard is well laid out and I was interested to see that one portion of the dash turns into a reversing camera viewer. Something that, as an occasional van driver, was extremely useful as I needed to manoeuvre around a crowded trading estate.

Storage pods

There were a number of cubby holes and shelves, all 13 of them! There are even storage pods under the seats. These provide all the space needed to store almost everything you can think of.

I am not sure how to describe styling when it comes to a van, but the Nissan looked purposeful. What you get is two sliding side doors, and a twin rear doors which allow easy access to the load area. The sliding doors were extremely useful when I needed to pick up my engine block, as the side I would have loaded from was not available as I needed to park close to another van.

A fellow van driver did comment on this feature and thought it very good, which is high praise indeed from someone that drives a van all day.

Quite low

The load space itself was covered in a rubber-type mat, which whilst it looked good, did feel a little flimsy and would not last long with the sort of abuse you would expect the load space to receive. Also worth a mention is the fact that the floor is quite low so there was no problem with two of us manhandling a 300lb awkward-shaped weight to exactly where we wanted it.

I was a little concerned that the 1.5-litre engine may feel a bit underpowered in a van of this size but frankly it propelled the Nissan quite merrily even fully loaded at motorway speeds with little effort.

The five speed gearbox is matched perfectly to the engine and I found it pretty difficult to get caught out in almost any situation. The best bit is that the overall fuel consumption was over 50mpg, which is remarkable considering the usual constraints of aerodynamics.

Handling

The wheels fitted are 14in, which did give the NV200 the look that they were too small for the body, I was therefore anticipating some handling issues. However, my fears were unfounded and the Nissan could be driven with confidence even fully loaded.

As a non-regular van driver I have to say that I found myself finding jobs that I could use it for. I really enjoyed my time driving the NV200 and there are not that many vans I can think of where you can say that!

The load area in the rear of the Nissan NV200

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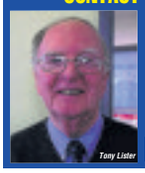

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1. THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOL FOR CONSUMPTION OFF THE PREMISES MONDAY TO SATURDAY 0700-2200 HOURS, AND SUNDAY 0800 - 2100 HOURS

ANY REPRESENTATIONS BY INTERESTED PARTIES OR RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES REGARDING THE APPLICATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO TRADING STANDARDS, LICENSING TEAM, UNIT 33, CONEYGREE ROAD, TIPTON, WEST MIDLANDS DY4 8XR BY 5TH MARCH 2012.EMAIL WWW.LICENSING_TEAM@SANDWELL.GOV.UK

PERSONS WISHING TO INSPECT THE APPLICATION MAY DO SO AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY PRIOR APPOINTMENT ON 01215696537

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The Rowley Learning Trust
Statutory Notice

9th February 2012

This is a proposal to form a partnership of schools by acquiring The Rowley Learning Trust. The schools joining the partnership will be **Brickhouse Primary School, Grace Mary Primary School, Old Hill Primary School, Rowley Hall Primary School, Springfield Primary School** and Temple Meadow Primary School Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that:

the governing body of **Brickhouse Primary School** intends to make a prescribed alteration to Brickhouse Primary School which is a community school located at Brickhouse Primary School, Dudhill Road, Rowley Regis, West Midlands B65 8HS

the governing body of **Grace Mary Primary School** intends to make a prescribed alteration to Grace Mary Primary School which is a community school located at Grace Mary Primary School Hawfield Road, Tividale, Oldbury, West Midlands B69 1LD

the governing body of **Old Hill Primary School** intends to make a prescribed alteration to Old Hill Primary School which is a community school located at Old Hill Primary School Lawrence Lane, Cradley Heath, West Midlands B64 6DR

the governing body of **Rowley Hall Primary School** intends to make a prescribed alteration to Rowley Hall Primary School which is a community school located at Rowley Hall Primary School, Windsor Road, Rowley Regis, West Midlands B65 9HU

the governing body of **Springfield Primary School** intends to make a prescribed alteration Springfield Primary School which is a community school located at Springfield Primary School Dudley Road, Rowley Regis, West Midlands B65 8JY

the governing body of **Temple Meadow Primary School** intends to make a prescribed alteration to Temple Meadow Primary School which is a community school located at Temple Meadow Primary School Wrights Lane, Cradley Heath, West Midlands B64 6RH

The proposed alteration in each case is to change the school category from Community to Foundation and together with one or more of the proposed partners to acquire a trust established otherwise than under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The name of the foundation will be The Rowley Learning Trust and the proposed implementation date is 1st July 2012. The trust does not already act as a foundation for any foundation or voluntary school

The proposed members of the trust are:

Brickhouse Primary School (2 Trustees)	Birmingham University (1 Trustee)
Grace Mary Primary School (2 Trustees)	Sandwell College (1 Trustee)
Old Hill Primary School (2 Trustees)	Sandwell Local Authority (1 Trustee)
Rowley Hall Primary School (2 Trustees)	The Albion Foundation (1 Trustee)
Springfield Primary School (2 Trustees)	The Co-operative Movement (1 Trustee)
Temple Meadow Primary School (2 Trustees)	Wolverhampton University (1 Trustees)

In addition learners at each of the schools, parents, staff, members of the local community and local community organisations will be able to become members of the Trust. The Trust will have a Stakeholder Forum, which will be able to appoint 2 trustees. Other schools will be welcomed in joining the Trust.

The rationale for acquiring the Trust, the contribution it will make, and the direction it will provide to the schools can be summarised as:

working collaboratively together to raise standards.
working inclusively with representation of partners from education and training, employment and regeneration.
open and honest relationships with partners, helping each other reach common goals.
raising aspiration through embedding a 'life long learning' ethos in the extended community
a global perspective rooted in the co-operative values of self help, self responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity.
the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.
provision of learning and earning opportunities through regeneration programmes to help build active citizenship.

This notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the full proposals can be obtained from our websites (see below) or from the school by writing to the Governing Body (address above)

Within four weeks from the date of publication of this proposal any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending them to the Governing Body of the school (address above).

Brickhouse Primary School	www.brickhouse.sandwell.sch.uk	Phil Matthews Chair of Governors
Grace Mary Primary School	www.gracemary.co.uk	Stuart Cole Chair of Governors
Old Hill Primary School	www.oldhillprimaryschool.com	Pauline Riley Chair of Governors
Rowley Hall Primary School	www.rowleyhall.sandwell.sch.uk	John Tossell Chair of Governors
Springfield Primary School	www.springfieldprimaryschool.uk.org	Jim Williams Chair of Governors
Temple Meadow Primary School	www.templemeadow.com	Steve Pettifer Chair of Governors

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (BRUNSWICK PARK ROAD, WEDNESBURY) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has made an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in Brunswick Park Road, Wednesbury from its junction with Wood Green Road to its junction with Rooth Street in order to facilitate essential maintenance work to the water main.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via Rooth Street, Wood Green Road and vice-versa.
3. The Order will take effect on 5th March 2012 and the works are expected to be completed on 15th April 2012. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
4. Any queries about the works should be directed to Mark Hicklin of Integrated Water Services who are working on behalf of South Staffs Water on 0800 389 1011and those relating to the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Highway Services on 0845 359 7518.

DATED this 9th day of February 2012

N SHARMA

Director of Legal and Governance Services
Sandwell Council House
Oldbury, West Midlands

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (CHURCH STREET, OLBURY) (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2012

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell intends, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in Church Street, Oldbury for its entirety to facilitate carriageway resurfacing works.
2. The alternative route for vehicles will be via. Oldbury Ringway, Halesowen Street and vice-versa.
3. The Order will take effect on 19th February 2012 and it is anticipated that the works may commence on that day. The works are expected to be completed on 11th March 2012 and the order will only be operational on Sundays. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
4. Any queries about the works should be directed to Nigel Underwood of Sandwell MBC on 0845-352-1857 and those relating to the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Highway Services on 0845 359 7518.

DATED this 9th day of February 2012
N SHARMA
Director of Legal and Governance Services
Sandwell Council House
Oldbury, West Midlands

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SANDWELL (HORSELEY HEATH, TIPTON) (TEMPORARY SIDE ROAD CLOSURES) ORDER 2012

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of Sandwell intends, in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in Railway Street for its entirety and Tame Road, and Horseley Road from there junctions with Horseley Heath for a distance of 50 metres.
2. The alternative routes for vehicles are as follows;
   Horseley Road, Railway Street via Horseley Road, New Road & Horseley Heath and vice-versa.
   Tame Road via Market Place, Whitehall Road, Sheepwash Lane, Tame Road and vice-versa.
3. The Order will take effect on 19th February 2012, and will be operational only on Sunday's the works are expected to be completed on 26th February 2012. The Order may continue in force for a period not exceeding 18 months, or until the works in connection with the Order have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
4. Any queries about the works should be directed to Trevor Chatwin of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council on 0845 352 1958 and those relating to the effect of the order on traffic using the highway should be directed to Highway Services on 0845 359 7518.

DATED this 9th day of February 2012
N SHARMA
Director of Legal and Governance Services
Sandwell Council House
Oldbury, West Midlands

LICENSING ACT 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

An application for a Premises Licence has been made by Raju Ahmed to Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council in respect of premises known as Parodise Lounge and Restaurant which are situated at Unit 3B Astle Park, West Bromwich, West Midlands B70 8NS.

The proposed application is as follows:
Late Night Refreshments - Supply of Alcohol
Monday to Thursday - 5.00 pm till 12.30 am
Friday and Saturday - 5.00 pm till 2.30 am
Sunday - 5.00 pm till 12.30 am

A record of the application may be inspected at the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Licensing Section, Development House, Lombard Street, West Bromwich during normal office hours Monday to Friday.

Any representations by interested parties or responsible authorities regarding the application must be made in writing to: the Licensing Team, Environment House, PO Box 42, Lombard Street, West Bromwich B70 8RU by the 05/03/12.

It is an offence, liable on summary conviction to a fine up to Level 5 (£5000) on the standard scale, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with the application.

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

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Section 26(1)(bb) of the Marriage Act 1949
Section 6(3A)(a) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004
The Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF PREMISES

THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SANDWELL

being the authority for the purposes of the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that an application has been made by Mr T Hooton being the proprietor of premises situated and known as The Holiday Inn Birmingham M6 Junction 7, Chapel Lane, Great Barr, Birmingham, B43 7BG for the approval of those premises for the solemnisation of marriages in pursuance of Section 26(1)(bb) of the Marriage Act 1949 and the registration of Civil Partnerships in pursuance of Section 6(3A)(a) of The Civil Partnerships Act 2004.

The application, together with a plan of the premises which accompanied it, may be inspected at

Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, West Midlands

Between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00pm, and atSandwell Register Office, Highfields, High Street, West Bromwich, West Midlands, between the hours of 9.30am and 4.30 pm (Monday to Friday).

Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of approval of such application, with reasons for the objection, within 21 days from the date of publication of the newspaper in which this notice appears.

Such notice of objection should be given to the Authority to:
Neeraj Sharma, Director of Legal and Governance Services
Sandwell Council House
Oldbury
West Midlands
B69 3DE Ref: NS/AHR)
Dated 9th February 2012
J Britton
Chief Executive
On behalf of the Authority

CLARA CISSY RAWLINS (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the aforementioned deceased, late of 58 Yateley Avenue Birmingham West Midlands B42 1JL, who died on 18/09/2011, are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned on or before 13/04/2012, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.
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HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(a)
THE M5 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 2) (SOUTHBOUND ENTRY SLIP ROAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M5 Motorway in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell to allow resurfacing work to be carried out.

The effect of the Order will be to close the slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 2.

The work will be carried out over four nights between 20:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Tuesday 28 February 2012. The Order will come into force on 24 February 2012.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the works or by a traffic officer will be exempt from the closures. A diversion route via the A4123, A456 and M5 Junction 3 will be well signed.

For further information, please contact Purnima Kaul on 0121 678 8586.

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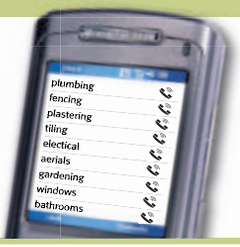

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Villa fans urged to join boss protest

VILLA fans are being urged to attend a pre-match protest against manager Alex McLeish before Sunday's home clash with Manchester City.

A statement posted on the Vital Villa fans website criticises the current record of six wins in 24 Premier League games and claims the Villa players are "seeming to be in open revolt" following Sunday's 2-1 defeat at Newcastle.

The statement read: "We have played 24 games this season, we have won six! Is this good enough? No.

"Alex McLeish is not the man to lead Aston Villa. He had a full pre-season, was given £20 million (approximately) to spend and has players of the calibre of Darren Bent, Gabby Agbonlahor and Stephen Ireland to work with (also the most promising batch of home-grown players produced in years).

"Despite all this, we find ourselves 13th in the table and without a home win since Bonfire Night.

"Now after the debacle of Sunday, with the players now seeming to be in open revolt, the future is looking very bleak indeed. We need to act now before it is too late and the unthinkable happens.

"If you support this, please join us at 3pm on Sunday, Trinity Road Stand by the McGregor Statue."

Many supporters were unhappy when McLeish made the switch from Birmingham to replace Gerard Houllier but it remains to be seen whether there will be substantial support for the proposed protest on Sunday.

Football games called off again

ALL football matches planned for Sandwell parks and open spaces this weekend have been cancelled.

The council took the decision because of the forecast for snow and icy weather and the risk of frozen pitches.

Cabinet member for neighbourhood services Councillor Derek Rowley said it was the second week running that matches had been cancelled, but it was a necessary step to avoid anyone getting injured.

He added: "Also it is best to give teams as much notice as possible."

Lyndsey Glover and Rory Davies cheer their England selection

Pair picked for country

TEENAGE Black Country footballers are proudly wearing the three lions on their shirts after appearing for England.

Rory Davies, aged 17, from Dudley, and Lyndsey Glover, 18, from Coseley, have both taken their bow on the international stage.

The two have been selected for British Colleges Sport England men's and women's squads.

The pair are both studying BTEC sport at Dudley College.

And they have already played in their first match this year against Australia.

Although both sides lost, the players are gearing up for their next matches against Wales.

They are the third and fourth footballers from Dudley College to play for England, following the success of Chris Knights and Tyree Clarke.

Lyndsey is pleased to be adding to the three caps she gained last year while Rory, who has been picked for the first time this year, said it was a dream come true to play for his country. The in-form Davies recently scored in a 4-1 win over Walsall FC Scholars.

He said: "I have been in good form for the college side and the coaches at Dudley really believe in me and have pushed me hard to reach this level. I now want to score for my country."

Dudley College was awarded Focus College status in summer 2010 by the FA and British College Sport.

Snow good as Albion lose again at home

Albion 1 Swansea 2

THE latest in a lengthening collection of Hawthorns giveaways took the misery level to a new low for fans.

Heavy snow arriving just before the game made the journey away from The Hawthorns just as unenjoyable for supporters as watching the match.

For the ninth time in 14 Hawthorns outings – the eighth in 12 in the Premier League – fans filed away with their team beaten, ***writes Steve Madeley.***

This time there were fewer crumbs of comfort than ever with the common traits from previous disappointments present.

They created one or two decent chances, might easily have had a penalty, had an effort cleared off the line and saw the misfiring Peter Odemnwingie miss the mother of all sitters as they chased an equaliser.

And yet they and their fans left a snowy stadium knowing that, for the first time in a while, their overall performance did not merit anything more than it got.

Rescued

Roy Hodgson's side were flat, uninspired and lacking conviction.

And after a crazy six-minute spell in the second half that saw them seize control of the game and then surrender it, they never possessed the guile to reassert authority.

Odemwingie should have rescued an undeserved draw that might have gone a small way towards clawing back some of the frustrating points that have fallen by the wayside with a hint of injustice in recent months.

But on the day there was little question the increasingly impressive Swans were excellent value for just their second away-day success of the season.

Hodgson's men looked like a side whose belief in their abilities to dominate at home has drained away. Even players who have performed steadily this term, men like Jonas Olsson, Gareth McAuley and James Morrison, looked off-colour. And the big figures from last season who have misfired too often in this campaign were off the pace again with Odemwingie and Youssouf Mulumbu the most obvious examples.

Peter Odemwingie argues with former Hednesford Town defender Ashley Williams

The game might have taken a different route had referee Jonathan Moss spotted a clear handball by former Baggies trainee Ashley Williams to stop McAuley's goal-bound header on 18 minutes.

Not until a brief rally late in the first half did Albion gather any steam, Angel Rangel clearing Marc-Antoine Fortune's header off the line.

Fortune worked tirelessly once more and he was rewarded with the opening goal on 54 minutes when Olsson redirected Graham Dorrans' corner and the Frenchman took a touch before beating Michel Vorm.

Baggies fans hoped that finally going ahead at home would ease the nerves of their team. But they barely had time to enjoy it before they were pegged back by Gylfi Sigurdsson, who swept home from six yards after an incisive Swans counter-attack.

Muddled Albion then allowed Sigurdsson time to stride through and cross for Danny Graham to complete the turnaround.

Odemwingie should have spared their blushes but he lifted a shot over and plunged his head into his hands.

Vorm enjoyed a slice of luck in stoppage-time when Fortune's shot hit him and trickled past the post.

But Hodgson's men got what they deserved and the boos that greeted the final whistle were a clear verdict on their work.

A proud away record is keeping them clear of the bottom three. But the majority of their fans see them at The Hawthorns – and they are reaching the end of their tether.

Marc-Antoine Fortune opens the scoring

Welborn prepares for title defence

DUDLEY boxer Jason Welborn will take centre stage as Wolverhampton Civic Hall stages its second professional boxing show in as many months in March.

After Saturday's Prizefighter, area champion Jason Welborn will make a first defence of his Midlands welterweight crown against Coventry's James Flinn on March 23.

Welborn unseated Coventry's Sean McKervey in just two rounds for the title at Walsall Town Hall in November and puts his power against Flinn's skill.

The two-time British Masters champion has just one defeat on a 12-fight pro record, an English title defeat against Adil Anwar last time out in November.

Anwar will now be a part of Prizefighter but Flinn is also coming to the Civic, as he looks to get his career back on track at Welborn's expense.

The main event is one of two title fights on the card, as Tipton's Lee Glover and Ian Bailey go for the vacant British Masters super bantamweight belt.

The two have been on a collision course since the back end of last year.

Two six-rounders are also on the bill as former English lightweight champion Martin Gethin and Birmingham's Thomas Costello face international opposition.

Joining them are dynamic Dudley featherweights Dean Anderson and Zak the Ripper – real name Saquib Amir.

Hard-hitting Stafford middleweight Grant Cunningham, Stourbridge's Steven Pearce and Brierley Hill's Karl Spencer make up the rest of the card.

For tickets, call the box office on 0870 320 7000 or promoter Paul 'PJ' Rowson on 07976 283 157.

Simpson back in the saddle

BIRMINGHAM speedway centre green presenter Chris Simpson is returning to the track after nearly eight years for a challenge race.

The ex-Isle of Wight rider faces his Leicester opposite number Chris Popple for charity. Simpson will support Unicef while Popple backs Diabetes UK as part of the My First Skid speedway school at Leicester's Beaumont Park track on Saturday, February 25 (noon).

Donations can be made at info@myfirstskid.com

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Ace Whiley takes over as the No.1 in Britain

HALESOWEN'S Jordanne Whiley is the new British No.1 for women's wheelchair tennis.

The 19-year-old competed in four tournaments in Australia and reached only the second International Tennis Federation Super Series semi-final of her career.

Whiley repeated last year's success by again reaching the last four at the Sydney International Open. This year's tournament was upgraded by the ITF and when the rankings were calculated this week the extra points saw Whiley overhaul previous British leader Lucy Shuker.

Whiley, who has brittle bones, is now world No.12, with Shuker one place below, as the two head to the USA for a series of tournaments in March and April.

"Becoming British No.1 has been among one of my goals for a while," said Whiley. "I've been pretty close to Lucy for a couple of years, so it's nice to have overtaken her for now, even if it is by just one place.

"It's been a fantastic four weeks in Australia and I'm really pleased to have returned with some good results.

"Now it's all about building on these performances as we head towards the end of the qualification period for the London 2012 Paralympics."

The Sydney event now ranks as one of the top six on the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour outside the Grand Slams.

Whiley beat three of the world's top 10 before losing 6-0, 6-2 to world No.1 Esther Vergeer in the last four – the Dutchwoman is unbeaten in 444 matches going back to 2003. It was the first time this season that Vergeer had dropped two games in a match.

Liam misses out on title hopes

TIPTON boxer Liam Gould has been edged out in his bid to win the ABA Schoolboys national title.

Gould, of William Perry ABC, lost narrowly at 48kg in Class Two – boxers born in 1998 – after three close rounds in the pre-quarters at the Manchester Boxing Centre of Excellence.

He was beaten 25-20 by Ashton Albion ABC's Alex Clegg.

The Coseley High School Student hung in there despite struggling with the strength and volume of punches of his opponent.

Bustleholme not resigned to leaving

by Craig Birch

BUSTLEHOME could yet have a future in the Premier Division of the West Midlands League – despite handing in their resignation to the governing body.

At the end of 2011 the club announced their intention to withdraw the first team from the league at the end of the season.

Had that move been delayed until this year, Bustleholme would have incurred a £1,000 fine.

The West Bromwich-based outfit will honour their fixtures for the rest of the campaign and then decide on a course of action.

But they still have until June, when the league's annual general meeting is staged, to withdraw their resignation and stay in the division. They pay to play at the Sports Academy, Tipton, and attract average gates of around 40, with a 102 attendance their season-best so far, for a home match with Gornal Athletic.

After losing their sponsors for the last two years, Evans Halshaw Ford of Walsall, Bustlehome fell at the first hurdle in both the FA Cup and the FA Vase.

That has led to cash problems which they hope can be solved by a fresh call for sponsorship, after an initial plea last year did not attract the desired response. Chairman Geoff Benbow said they had to take steps to protect the club as a whole rather than the men's team, which has been in operation since 1990.

He said: "It has given us six months to restructure the club and, hopefully, give us the chance to attract some new sponsorship.

"We will finish the season off; resigning was our way of safeguarding ourselves in case we can't continue next season.

"We are desperately hoping that won't happen, but we can't afford to sacrifice 12 junior teams for the sake of the first team.

"We were initially a boys' club but they need something to play for, something to progress to, or they have nowhere to go."

Even if the Bustleholme men's team were to fold in the summer, the club could re-apply to join the West Midlands League.

They would have to work their way up from Division Two to return to the Premier League, where they have played since 1996.

But the Bs, who started life as a boys' club in 1975, are pressing on with plans to revive their youth team.

Benbow added: "The idea is to resurrect the youth team to play in the Midlands Floodlit League, as we do have an under-21 side."

MOLINEUX REVENGE MISSION FOR KEITH

KEITH ANDREWS crosses the Black Country divide on Sunday, admitting: "I was dying to get out of Wolves."

Andrews will be a familiar face in the Baggies squad travelling to Molineux for Sunday's derby. Yet the 31-year-old is adamant, if he makes his debut on his former stamping ground, Wolves fans will not recognise the player he has become, ***writes Steve Madeley.***

The Irishman spent 10 years at Molineux after moving from his homeland as a 15-year-old and being heralded as one of the brightest stars of the Wolves academy.

He made just 48 starts for the club, however, and seven years after his departure he offers a frank assessment of the mistakes he made and the reasons he had to leave.

Wolves v Albion Molineux, Sunday, 1.30pm

"Whether my lifestyle was wrong, or it was the people I was knocking around with, I don't know. But it was just so easy for me because I had been there for so long," he admits.

"It's no secret that I was dying to get out of Wolves at that stage because I didn't get the football I needed.

Reunion

"It was when I went to MK Dons that I realised I had to take my destiny into my own hands. It was the kick up the backside I needed.

"I changed my diet and my lifestyle. I wasn't being as professional as I could be."

Andrews added: "I would go through stages where I would play a few games and then I'd get dropped and I wouldn't take it very well.

"It was just a vicious circle, but there were good players in midfield at Wolves. There was Paul Ince, Colin Cameron and Alex Rae, who were good international players,

"I always look in the mirror first when I'm looking to reasons why things happen and, looking back, I certainly would have done things differently."

Andrews was released by Wolves in 2005.

Having shed the extra pounds he carried at Molineux, Andrews has reinvented himself as a box-to-box midfielder and become a regular Ireland international.

And he traces it all to his days at Milton Keynes.

Ince's move to Blackburn offered Andrews the shot at the Premier League thanks to a £1.3m move to Ewood Park in his manager's wake.

Four years brought 51 Premier League starts, only for a fall-out with the powers-that-be to convince him his time in Lancashire was up. Last Tuesday he forfeited the final 18 months of his contract to sign a six-month Hawthorns deal.

Andrews is confident he can finally make his mark in the Black Country and prove he was better than Wolves fans think.

Former champion has presidential role

FORMER British and World middleweight champion Wayne Elcock has been unveiled as the new president of the Midlands Ex-Boxers Association (MEBA).

The organisation generates funds for ex-boxers in time of need.

Elcock, from Birmingham, said: "I am proud to be invited to take on this role and I give active support to MEBA's fundraising initiatives as I want to put something back into my sport."

Assistance is provided for boxers whether amateur or professional. Membership is £5 for life and money is raised through boxing-themed social evenings and an annual golf day. Membership is open to all those with a previous or active involvement in the sport.

Members meet on the first Sunday morning of every second month at Somers Social Club, Halesowen. The next meeting is Sunday, April 1, at 11am.

For membership enquiries or to request assistance, call secretary Jerry Hjelter on 01299 879907 or 07769 715141 or email him at jerryhjboxing@hotmail.com

Former world champion Wayne Elcock is pictured coaching at a recent Box Clever workshop in Brierley Hill as youngster Jordan Field pounds the punching bag

A new era as opener takes over at Old Hill

DANNY COX has been charged with leading Old Hill CC into a new era.

The 19-year-old opening batsman will captain the first team for this season's Birmingham League Division One campaign following the departure of skipper Nathan Round.

He, along with Dan Wood and Ashfak Hussain, has opted to join Premier Division outfit Himley.

"It's a challenge I am really looking forward to," said Cox, who played two first class games for Loughborough MCCU last summer and also represented Herefordshire at Minor Counties level.

"It's a new era for the club with new ideas and new personnel. A few players have left and it's important to get everyone pulling together. We are trying to stabilise things and get the club moving in the right direction."

Old Hill will need to fill the void left by the departures of top-order batsman Round, opening bowler Hussain and middle order batter Wood.

Cox has recruited Oldswinford seamer Seb Soukoup and is looking for the club's younger players to step up to the plate.

"We have lost some good players but that presents opportunities for others," said Cox.

"There will be no false promises from me. The only promise is that I will be fair with everyone. If people perform they will get their chance.

"There are some good young players at the club."

Former coach John Rowe has returned to the Haden Hill Park club.

Closing in on a final chance

SCHOOLS have just over three weeks left to qualify for the Black Country School Games Festival.

The event, organised by the Black Country Local Organising Committee, will be held across three venues – the University of Wolverhampton Walsall Campus, Tipton Sports Academy and Wood Green Academy. It is funded by Sport England. Details: www.blackcountryschool games.co.uk

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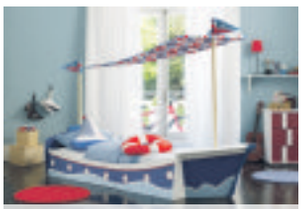

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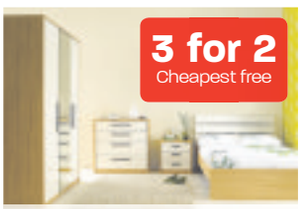

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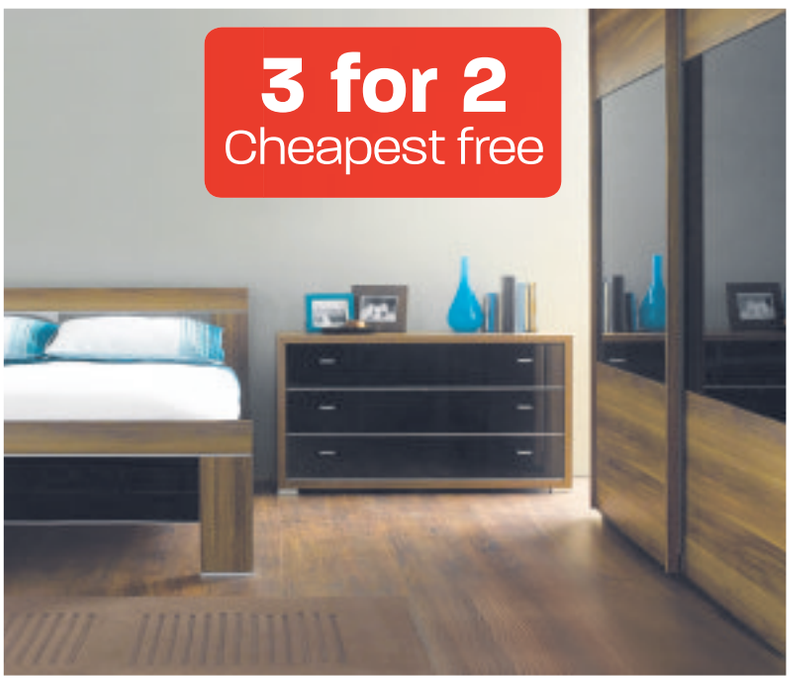

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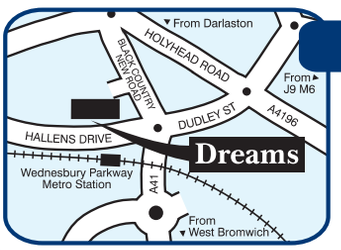

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